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COMMENT OF THE DAY

REVOLT IN THE RANKS

THE splinter "Victory for Socialism" movement within the Labour Party is apparently causing some alarm among the leaders as it pinpoints Labour's current grave split over the H-bomb and guided missile bases policy.

What the leaders fear is the possibility that this new left-wing group will wreck party unity before the next general elections and they are already worried about the coming series of by-elections.

The situation is confused, but the group seems determined to continue its activities despite opposition from the Executive.

It is believed that the party leadership has not raised any objection to the group's meeting today at Caxton Hall to launch their campaign or to the projected protest march on the Atomic Energy Authority's establishment.

But the opposition of the group to the H-bomb goes far beyond Labour Party policy and while there is apparently no threat of expulsion for the rebels the formation of a "party within a party" can have a bad effect.

Victory Expected

THE Labour Party leaders believe that an election victory is already within their grasp and are therefore anxious to preserve unity in the ranks.

Some still consider that the Bevanite internal feuds a few years ago were partly the cause of Labour losing the general elections in 1956 so there is some justification for their apprehension.

A London political observer has gained the impression that some of the party leaders would privately like to take a tough line with the group instead of the present use of kid glove methods.

How far the group will go is a matter for conjecture, but unless its leaders take a truculent line with the Executive the present split is likely to be short-lived although it will leave unresolved the bigger party cleavage on nuclear policy.

ENGINES AT REAR

NOT all of those who may have been arrested by the models of the two new and rival British air liners by the Bristol and the De Havilland companies realise that it was the French airliner the Caravelle which set the new fashion of installing the engines near the tail of the fuselage.

The engines are, however, British—Roll-Royce Avon—and fourteen British manufacturers are supplying equipment for the Caravelle.

One prototype has nearly completed cold weather trials in Sweden and another will soon undergo some three months' metal fatigue testing in a water tank, simulating ten years' air line operations.

The Aeronautical correspondent of *The Times* who recently flew in a Caravelle over Denmark and Sweden says the flight substantiated the claims that the siting of the engines aft of the cabin greatly reduces noise and vibration.

Other advantages are an aerodynamically cleaner, stronger and simpler wing, enhanced safety in the event of a "wheel-up" landing, and ease of maintenance and overhaul.

The air intakes are high enough from the ground to reduce the danger of "foreign bodies" such as stones, being sucked into the engines.

EXPLORER II SATELLITE LOST

'Moon's' Signals Picked Up Twice And Then Silence

MAY HAVE FALLEN INTO THE SEA

By ROBERT S. McNEILL

Cape Canaveral, Mar. 5. The Army fired its second Explorer satellite with high hopes today but something went wrong at the split-second it should have orbited and its signal was heard no more.

There is a "great probability" the satellite is not in orbit, said Dr William F. Pickering of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California, where the satellite was developed.

He theorized that the 80-inch, silent "moon" may have fallen into the sea thousands of miles from its launching point here since its planned course was mostly over ocean. But sources here believed it more likely the Explorer had shot too high to move into orbit paralleling the Earth's surface.

Plummeted

In that case, they said, the satellite would have plummeted still within the Earth's gravitational pull and burned to a cinder when it hit dense air. To be successful, a satellite must be steered into orbit within a degree or two parallel to the Earth.

"There is every indication that the satellite did not function normally," Dr Pickering said in a joint statement with Maj-Gen John B. Medaris, Head of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency, who was on hand at Cape Canaveral.

The Explorer's signal was heard at two of the early tracking stations "down range" from Cape Canaveral as it reached for a place in the stars with Explorer I and the Russians' Sputnik II. The second of these British satellites, in the Caribbean 3,000 miles from the firing point. The rest were silent.

On The Verge

The Army confirmed that all four stages of its proven Jupiter-C satellite launcher functioned as they were supposed to. When the Explorer II beep reached Antigua it apparently was on the verge of swinging into orbit with the final push of its single fourth-stage rocket.

Sources at Air Force Missile Test Centre here, which conducts and evaluates missile tests of all the services, said it would be at least two days before data could be reduced to give an indication what happened.

There was one faint clue in the count-down before launching. There was a brief "hold" in the count five minutes before launching because the tiny tape-recorder in the satellite for measuring cosmic rays did not answer up when "interrogated" in a final test.

Responded

The transmitter for the recorder was checked out again during the "hold" and it responded three times before the count was resumed. But even if that instrument failed again in flight, official sources said, a second transmitter should have signalled the satellite's progress.

Dr Pickering, who smiled fixedly to reporters, said the JPL and the Army already had authority to fire a third satellite. He declined to say when it would be.

His word for newsmen who waited out the count-down at the JPL nerve centre, far from Cape Canaveral, was: "At least the Explorer I is still coming in loud and clear."—United Press.

HUNGARIAN STUDENTS OPPOSE REGIME

Vienna, Mar. 5. Hungarian university students are still opposing the Hungarian Communist regime and boycotting the Communist Youth Organisation.

The Hungarian Communist Youth weekly Magyar Ifjúság complained today that "counter-revolutionary elements

Fourth Stage Of Rocket Didn't Function Properly?

Washington, Mar. 5. The United States "does not know for sure" whether the Army's second Explorer satellite has gone into orbit, the top scientist on the satellite programme said tonight.

Dr Richard W. Porter of the National Academy of Sciences made the statement to newsmen seven hours after the Army launched a Jupiter-C rocket with the Explorer II in its nose.

"We simply do not know for sure," Dr Porter said, "but it is possible that it is in orbit."

SEVERAL DAYS

Dr Porter agreed with an earlier statement by Dr William Pickering, Director of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, at Pasadena, California, that it would take several days to analyse the complicated data involved.

Dr Porter cited two possible explanations for the failure so far to learn whether Explorer II had orbited.

He said there was a "rather definite indication" from tracking stations at Cape Canaveral, Florida, and Grand Turk in the Atlantic that the satellite-carrying fourth stage of the rocket "did not function."

However, he said, there was confusion because other data indicated that the fourth stage did function, but that there was difficulty in the radio transmitters carried by the 80-inch cylindrical vehicle.

EVERY EFFORT

"We will make every effort to find out whether there is indeed a satellite in orbit," Dr Porter said.

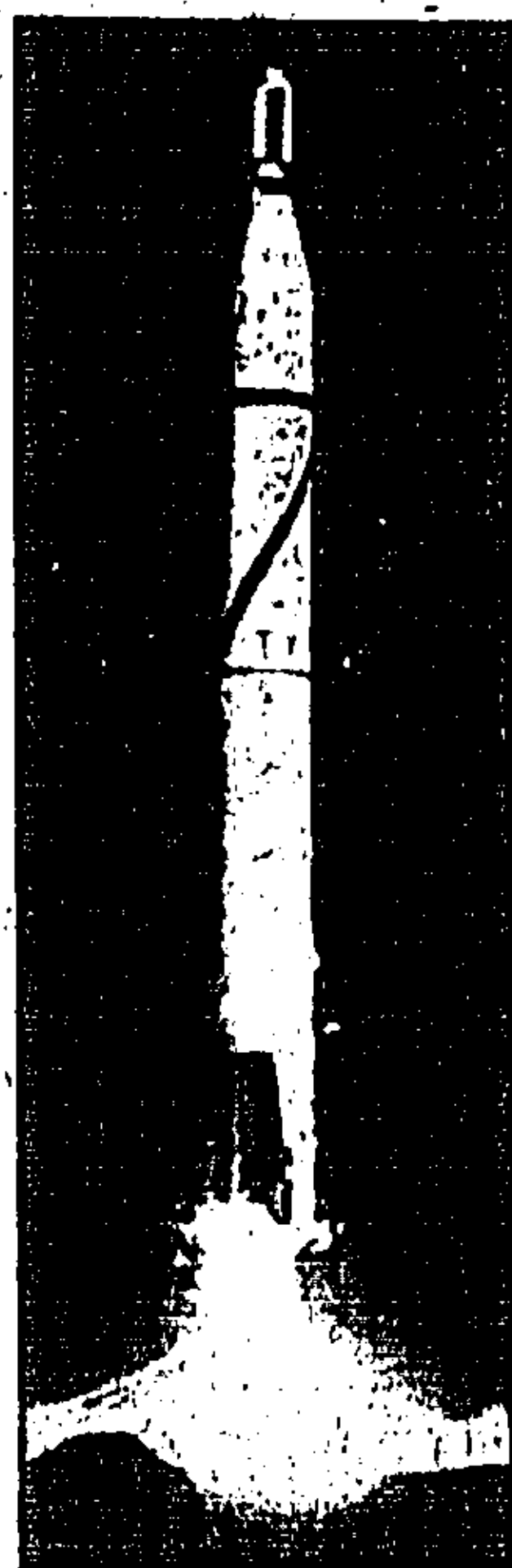
Explorer II differed from Explorer I chiefly in that it was heavier—315 pounds versus 308—and it carried a tiny tape recorder to gather cosmic ray data and transmit it back to Earth.

Dr Porter said moonwatch and minitrack stations would maintain a 24-hour watch for the satellite. He said that if the satellite should be in orbit with dead radios, the moonwatch teams would have the best chance of spotting it.—United Press.

Churchill's Health

Monte Carlo, Mar. 5. Dr David Roberts, Sir Winston Churchill's local doctor, said here tonight that Sir Winston was in very good health.

Asked about a report that Sir Winston was suffering from a slightly sore throat, Dr Roberts said he had not heard of anything of the kind.—Reuter.



The Jupiter-C rocket similar to the one that sent the second Explorer-type satellite into the skies yesterday.

REBEL GROUP PRESS OFFICER COMING TO HK

Manila, Mar. 6. A spokesman for the Indonesian rebel group today declared that if the rebel government in Padang could hold out for another three months, it would eventually triumph over all Indonesian forces.

Des Alwi, discharged Cultural Attaché of the Indonesian Embassy here, told the Manila Daily Bulletin he was skeptical over the success of the talks between President Soekarno and former Vice-President Mohammad Hatta regarding the latter's return to the Government.

Des Alwi's interview with the Bulletin confirmed earlier reports that he had returned to Manila from a mysterious trip to Singapore.

Des Alwi is the rebel's press relations officer.

He left here today by Pan American for Hongkong.—France-Press and Reuter.

Dam Collapses

Montreal, Mar. 5. The police tonight reported heavy casualties in the collapse of a temporary wooden dam in the Riviere Des Prairies north of Montreal. First reports said at least six men were dead.

The victims were reported trapped at the bottom of the square wooden shaft, which was sunk to the bottom of the river to allow workmen to prepare the river bed for construction of a bridge pier.—United Press.

Massacre

Constantine, Mar. 5. A band of Algerian terrorists last night killed eight people in the village of Mechtia Chabers, near Constantine, it was disclosed today.—France-Press.

SYRIAN REDS GET ASYLUM

Vienna, Mar. 5. Diplomatic sources said today Russia and Czechoslovakia have granted political asylum to the leaders of Syria's Communist Party, who fled the Middle East country when the United Arab Republic was formed on February 1.

Khalid Bakdash, Secretary-General of the Syrian Communist Party, is among a group of leading Syrian Communists who arrived in Prague recently, these sources said. Bakdash disappeared in January and has not been heard from since.

It was reported, however, that he took his family to Moscow the day the UAR was proclaimed.

SIX OTHERS

The source said there have been reports that six other Syrian Communists and their families are staying at Strbeki Pleso, a resort in Czechoslovakia and another group is at Sochi, the Crimean resort in Russia on the Black Sea.

Although Syria has been friendly with Russia, it has taken strong action against any Communists within the country itself.

The final crackdown came with the formation of the UAR. Under Egyptian law, the Communist Party was banned. The known Communists, including Party leaders, fled the country.—United Press.

IMJIN RIVER HEROES GIVEN FREEDOM OF BRISTOL

Bristol, Mar. 6. The "Glorious Gloucesters," whose Imjin River stand in Korea seven years ago made modern military history, will be given the freedom of Bristol it was announced today.

This will give the Gloucester Regiment the privilege of marching through the City on all ceremonial occasions with colours flying, drums beating and bayonets fixed.

A formal resolution registering members of the Regiment as honorary freemen will be moved in the Council Chamber next Tuesday.—Reuter.

Flash Fire Destroys City Block

Karachi, Mar. 5. A flash fire, started by exploding fire crackers, destroyed a city block in the heart of Karachi tonight, burning to death at least seven persons, including two children.

Twenty others were taken to hospital with severe burns. Seven bodies were recovered from the charred wreckage of the buildings.

The flames leaped from exploding fire crackers in stands along the curb to parked cars and shops. At the height of the blaze, rescuers attempted to enter one of the buildings to rescue the two children, both under six, but were forced back by smoke and heat.

The blaze was brought under control nearly two hours after it broke out. City police posted around the conflagration were replaced by anti-airing soldiers and sailors to keep back a panicky crowd which choked the streets.—United Press.

British Govt Hits Back At Anti-H-Bomb Campaign

LORD MANCROFT ISSUES STERN WARNING

By JOSEPH W. GRIGG

London, Mar. 5. BRITAIN'S Conservative Government hit back hard at a fast-growing "Ban-the-H-bomb" campaign today and warned that it is "seriously delaying" hopes of a disarmament agreement with the Soviets.

It declared that the threat of nuclear retaliation is "the only means of defence against any full scale attempt by Russia to dominate our world."

The warning was delivered by Lord Mancroft, Minister without Portfolio in Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's Government, when he opened a defence debate in the House of Lords.

Mushroomed

The campaign to ban the H-bomb has mushroomed swiftly. It already has split the Labour Opposition and shown signs of exploding into a major issue in the nation's politics.

Mancroft recalled that Russia has 200 divisions, 500 modern submarines and 20,000 aircraft.

"We should be quite incapable, even with the help of American conventional forces," Mancroft cautioned, "of withstanding with conventional forces alone the attack which the Russians could mount. The blunt and inescapable fact is that the only means of defence against any full scale attempt by Russia to dominate our world is the threat of nuclear retaliation."

Replying to the anti-H-bomb campaign, Mancroft added "those in Britain who are now vociferously agitating for us to ban the bomb are not, I think, hastening the day of world disarmament—they are seriously delaying it, since they are continuously feeding the Soviet hopes of betraying the Western nations into fatal weakness by propaganda."

Rejected

The Government spokesman rejected Labour's assertions that Britain's own contribution to the nuclear deterrent is useless and that she is "sheltering" under the American H-bomb.

"It is quite true," Mancroft declared, "that the Russians could attack us with far more nuclear weapons than we could deploy against them. But the destructive power of these horrible things is so immense that even a few could produce such appalling consequences as to be wholly unacceptable to a realistic government—and nobody has ever accused the Russians of not being realistic even if they know that their own attack would be 10 times heavier."

Lord Alexander, Labour Opposition leader in the Upper House, moved a motion that the House should decline to approve a defence policy which "relied predominantly upon the threat of thermo-nuclear warfare; insisted on the installation of strategic rocket bases in Britain before the projected summit talks; and failed to provide effectively for the defence requirement of Britain and the rest of the Commonwealth."

The same motion was roundly defeated by the House of Commons last Thursday in a similar defence debate.—United Press.

BULLDOZER CAUSES EXPLOSION

Bournemouth, Mar. 6. A Gas Board spokesman late last night blamed a bulldozer for an explosion here in which 13 people were hurt.

The bulldozer, being used by workmen repairing a road, ripped up a gas service pipe and caused the end of the pipe in a shop to break away.

The explosion resulted. The fronts of two shops were blown out.

Three people were buried and dug out by firemen.

Seven people detained in hospital were said last night to be in a satisfactory condition.—Reuter.

Gaillard Warned And Given An 'Ultimatum'

Paris, Mar. 5.

The powerful Independents warned Premier Felix Gaillard tonight they would quit his coalition if he failed to decree an iron-fisted policy in North Africa.

The Right-wing group took the defiant position at a three-hour strategy meeting. One of the participants termed the decision "a virtual ultimatum."

The National Assembly met at 9 p.m. to begin a scheduled debate of M. Gaillard's military budget, but immediately adjourned after unexpectedly putting off discussion of the question until 3 p.m. tomorrow.

A Reprieve

The Assembly's action gave M. Gaillard another day's reprieve, since the Premier had been ready to ask for a confidence vote on his 1,320 million francs (US\$315 million) military budget.

Shortly before midnight the National Defence Committee announced it had approved M. Gaillard's military budget by a vote of 20 to 11 and six abstentions. The 11 opposition votes came from the Communists. The Committee's conclusions will be presented to the Assembly tomorrow.

The measure approved by the Defence Committee shows how economics would effect less

essential Air Force, Navy and Army programmes so as to put military spending on a strictly "Algerian War" basis.—United Press.

LEFT-WING PAPERS SEIZED

Paris, Mar. 6.

Today's editions of three left-wing weeklies, *L'Express*, *France-Observateur* and the Communist *France Nouvelle*, were seized last night by order of the Ministry of the Interior.

It was understood that they contained articles on Algeria, the one in *L'Express* being by the Existentialist writer Jean-Paul Sartre.

The left-wing Catholic weekly, *Temoignage Chretien*, said that it was ceasing sales in Algeria following the seizure of successive issues there. The paper would be sent only to subscribers in Algeria.—Reuter.

RADAR TRAPS IN LONDON

London, Mar. 5.

Three London motorists were nabbed for speeding today when radar was used for the first time by the London police to catch offenders against the speed limit.

The radar system has already been tried out successfully in the provinces but the police recognise it is not infallible when traffic is heavy.

The radar detectors made their London debut early this morning on the Thames Embankment.—France-Press.

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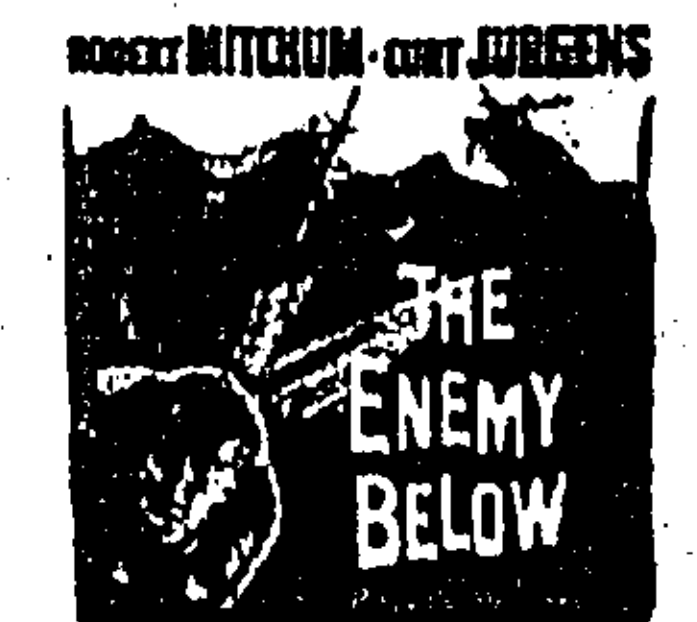
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Another Air Raid By Djakarta

REBELS BOMBED AGAIN

PLANES DAMAGE A FERRY IN SUMATRAN CITY

By ROBERT UDICK

Padang, Mar. 6.

Djakarta government planes damaged a ferry at Sungai Dareh on Tuesday, according to a delayed report from an Army spokesman here on Wednesday. Two Mustang fighters and a B-25 made the attack against communication routes, it was reported.

Sungai Dareh, site of Tuesday's bombing, is a village where the present revolution took final shape. It was there that military and political leaders met last January in sessions to set the present pattern of attempting to curb the powers of Soekarno and the Djuanda Cabinet.

The attack was said to be the latest in widespread action designed to break communication links between key central Sumatran cities and outside areas. No casualties were reported.

An official military source expressed the opinion on Wednesday that the bombing pattern could well be the overture to an attack by Central Government troops.

Students Leave

Meanwhile, in Padang, 200 college students left on Wednesday aboard trucks for a mountain training area.

The whole tempo in Central Sumatra was now going into military high gear.

However, those who had headed from the country villages after the air raids on radio stations in Padang and Bukittinggi on February 22 were moving back into their city homes.

Streets and markets once again were filled with most people going about their usual business.

Attacks

On the radio, attacks against President Soekarno personally and the Soekarno government continue almost nightly.

Citizens here also practised close order drill on streets. Colonel Maludin Simbolon, who is not overburdened at present with duties as Foreign Minister, was playing a leading part preparing the beaches of Sumatra for defence against possible landings by Central Government troops. — United Press.

"Men In Despair"

Singapore, Mar. 5. The rebel Central Sumatran radio at Padang said tonight the bombing of Sumatra and the northern Celebes by the Central Government was "the action of men in despair."

The radio said: "The bombings prove the Soekarno government has lost the ability to consider wisely and fairly." — Reuter.

TERRORISM IN MACASSAR

Djakarta, Mar. 6. A hand grenade exploded, killing three persons and injuring 14 at Macassar, the capital of South Celebes, it was reported here tonight.

Pia news agency said Macassar police and military were searching for the attackers who threw the grenade at a crowd watching a festive Chinese New Year procession in a street near a mosque.

The three killed were all children and the injured mostly children and teenagers. — Reuter.

TEENAGED TERRORS OF PARIS NABBED

Paris, Mar. 5. The French police today announced the arrest of a teenage gang of 50 juvenile delinquents, called "The Brown-Jackets", who had terrorised Paris and its suburbs for months with a variety of 300 crimes, ranging from rape to robbery.

The names were withheld because of their ages.

The police listed these offences, attributed to the gang:

- Ten of the teenage gangsters each raped four girls.
- They snatched purses, stole cars and attacked pedestrians.

FALSE RIOT

• They staged a false riot in a skating rink so that they could steal money from skaters.

• When two of them were arrested for robbing a Metro employee, they escaped from a police van.

The police discovered a small arsenal of eight revolvers and a supply of chloroform, which they used to dope their victims. — France-Press.

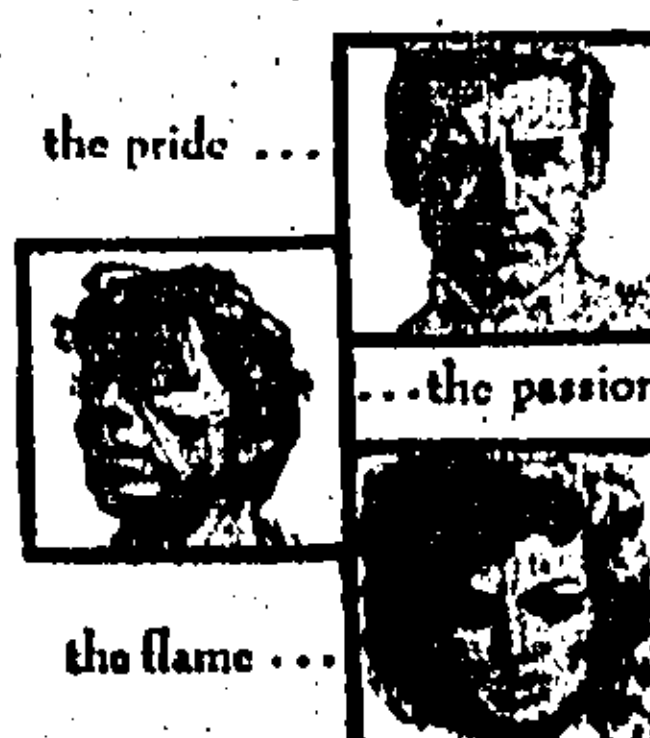
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Is Dominici Innocent? This Lawyer Thinks So

Paris, Mar. 6.

BRIILLANT trial lawyer, Rene Floriot, suggested tonight that French justice in condemning Gaston Dominici for the 1952 murder of the British Drummond family had committed as serious an error as in the Dreyfus case.

Floriot's defence he would have given had he been the 81-year-old convicted killer's lawyer, Floriot told a meeting of Paris legal fans that "I am convinced that old Gaston Dominici is not guilty."

"Without a doubt," Floriot continued, "the old man confessed to protect his family."

In his confession Dominici said he fired only one bullet on Lady Drummond, who was undressed. The evidence shows that she was hit by three bullets when fully dressed.

The old man also confessed to chasing the young Drummond girl, Elizabeth, for over 80 yards, but Floriot maintained she was shoeless and there was no dirt on the soles of her feet.

Floriot also said that during the trial it had been established that Gaston didn't know how to use an automatic weapon like the American carbine used to kill the Drummonds. — France-Press.

REPORTS ARE UNFOUNDED, SAYS NATO

Denial Issued By Headquarters

Paris, Feb. 5.

North Atlantic Treaty Organisation Headquarters here tonight issued a statement denying that the NATO Permanent Council last night rejected Soviet proposals for an East-West summit meeting.

(Reuters reported last night the Permanent Council rejected the Soviet proposals for a Foreign Ministers' meeting in April to discuss a summit conference in June.)

NATO sources said that the general feeling at a special session of the Council last night was that the proposals were unacceptable as they stood, but emphasised that there was no question of a formal decision by the Council, which is composed of permanent representatives of ambassadorial rank who must report back to their respective governments.

The NATO sources said that the general tone of the meeting was that Russia's thinking on how a summit conference should be convened did not guarantee the "careful and thorough preparation" which the West says is essential if summit talks are to offer any real prospects of achievement.

But they repeated that the West must "go on patiently examining the Soviet proposals and make counter-proposals until we have a carefully agreed agenda which would ensure a measure of success."

A statement issued by NATO headquarters in Paris tonight said: "Reports that the NATO Council yesterday rejected the proposals made by the Soviet government for a summit meeting are unfounded."

"No decision was taken by the Council and the problems involved in the preparations for such a meeting are still under discussion." — Reuter.

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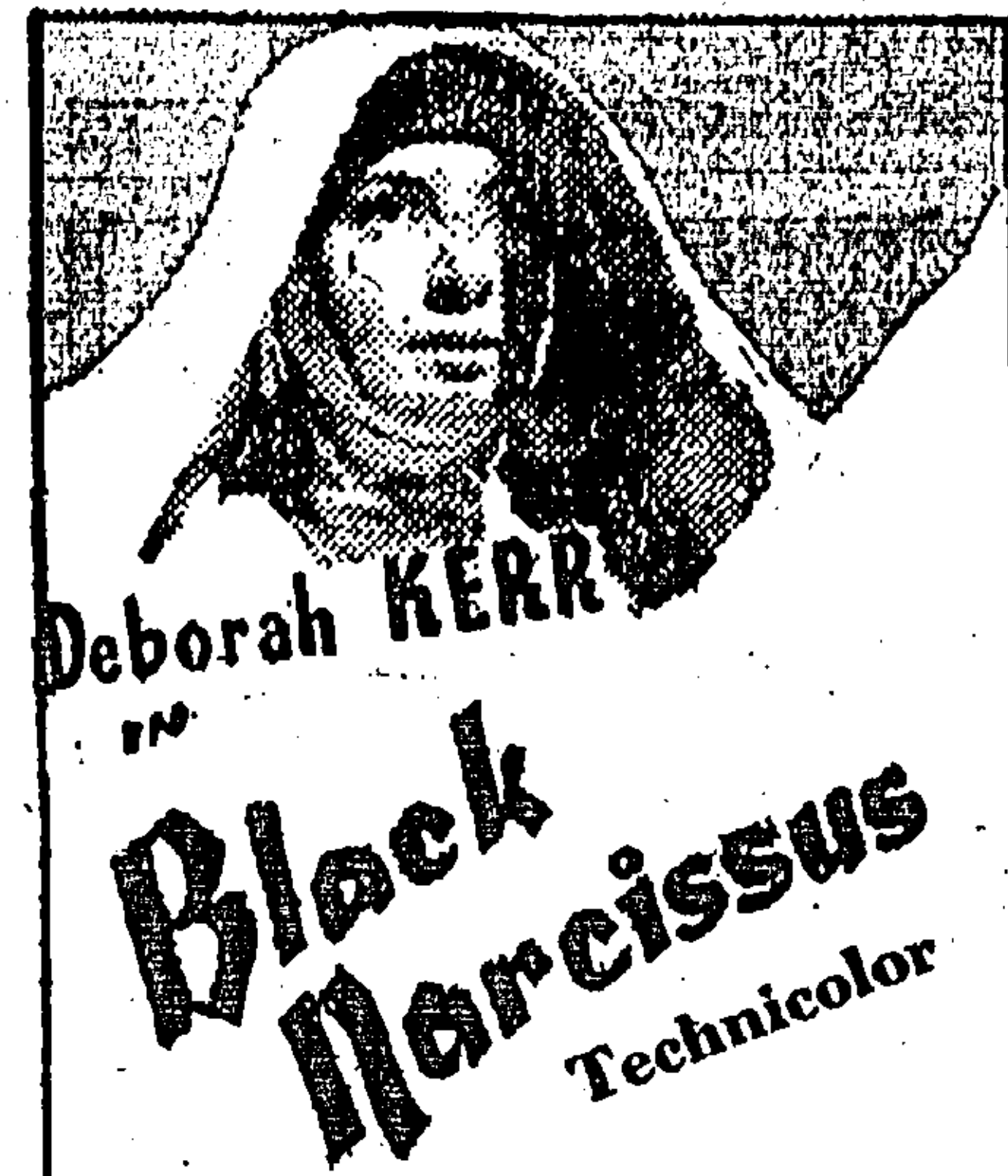
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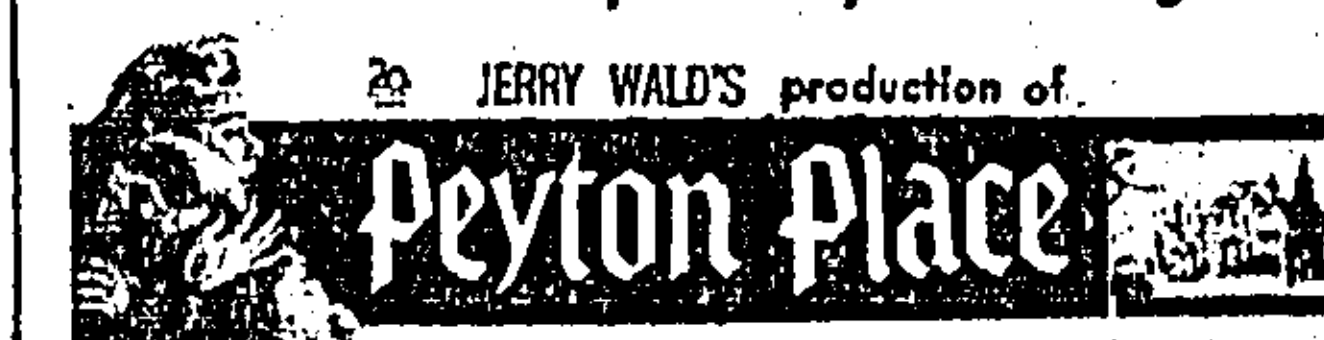
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CABLE BRIEFS

Lansing, Mar. 5. Fire trucks and police cars screeched to the St. Lawrence Hospital last night in response to what turned out to be a false alarm.

The patient who sent it escaped arrest after explaining he had been in a corridor getting a drink of water and "thought the little box with the lever was a dispenser for paper cups."—United Press.

Americus, Mar. 5. Danny Jones, 10, found "spirits" in the cemetery—five gallons of moonshine whiskey hidden under a headstone.—United Press.

Andalusia, Mar. 5. Mrs. Ann Brogan has an article in the outline of a chicken and a rabbit.—United Press.

Three Rivers, Mar. 5. Mrs. Ida Alderson suffered more than normal embarrassment when police lectured her for driving with 1957 license plates three days after the deadline.

Mrs. Atkinson is manager of a State branch office where auto license plates are sold here.—United Press.

Jacksonville, Mar. 5. Police suspect a reluctant taxpayer may know something about the theft of three construction wheelbarrows from the site of a new building for the Department of Internal Revenue.—United Press.

Felkloew, Mar. 5. The Post Office at Loweroft apparently gave a good long try but simply couldn't locate the addressee for a seaside postcard mailed from here.

They returned to the Felkloew Post Office yesterday a card mailed from "Iris" on Aug. 8, 1905.—United Press.

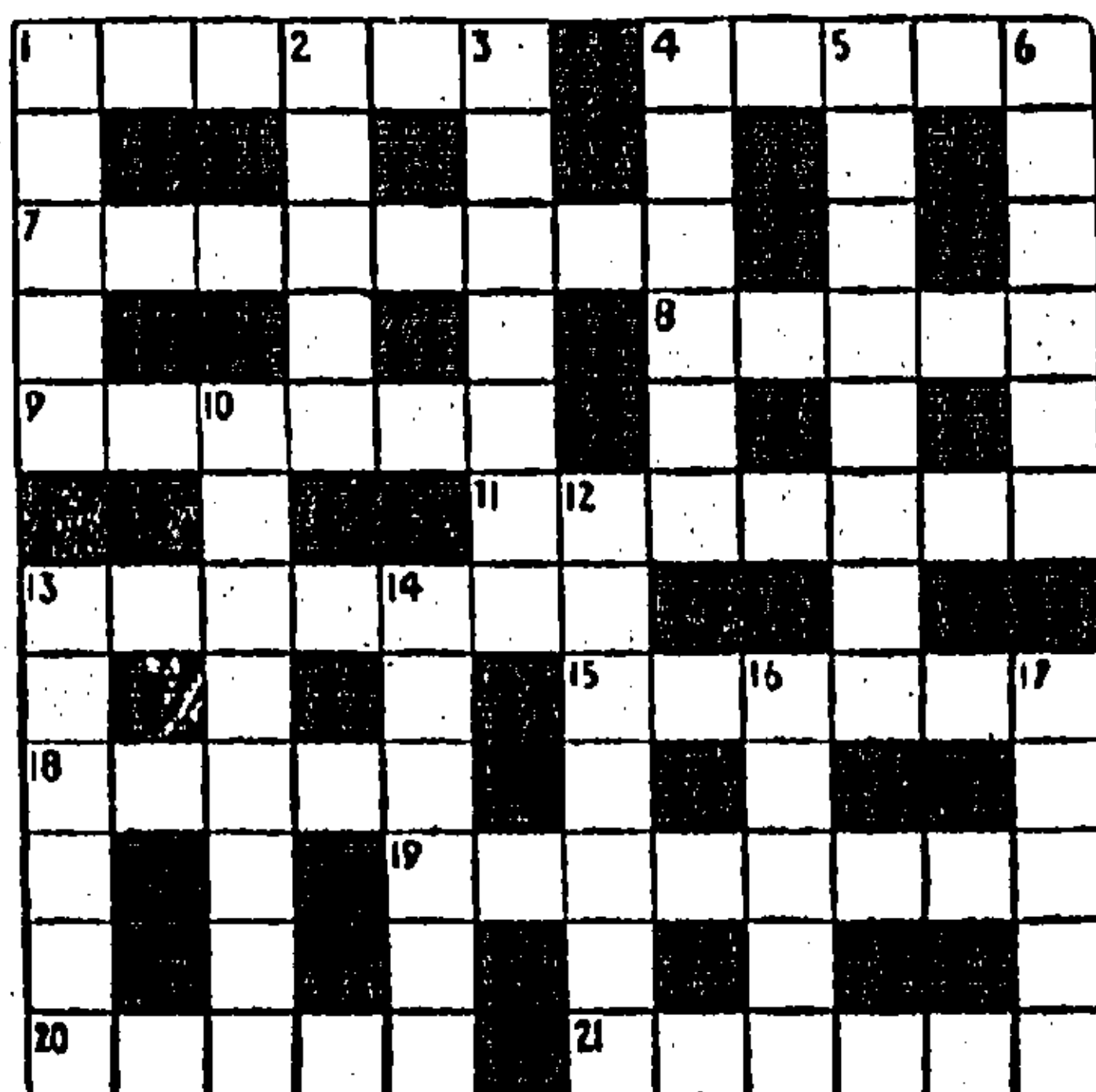
London, Mar. 5. The government refused yesterday to abolish the 30 per cent tax of false beards and mustaches.—United Press.

Red Gaoled

Joannesburg, Mar. 5. Former joint secretary of the Transvaal Indian Congress, 44-year-old Yusuf Ahmed Cachalia, was sentenced to three months imprisonment today under the Suppression of Communism Act. No option of a fine was given by the presiding magistrate. But Cachalia was released on his own bail, pending an appeal.

He was found guilty of breaking a five year ban imposed on him in 1953 against attending meetings. Cachalia's defence was that he thought the ban was for two years only.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Think of one (8)
 - 4 Confectioner's blunder (8)
 - 7 Manifest (8)
 - 8 Leaf, but not of a tree (8)
 - 9 Suitable name for a star (8)
 - 11 Winter sport (8)
 - 13 Judge in dispute (7)
 - 15 At the back (6)
 - 16 Play-boy maybe (8)
 - 18 Cardinal (8)
 - 20 Result of tearing someone off a strip (8)
 - 21 Thanks for 17 (6)
- DOWN**
- 1 Tom, Dick and Harry, perhaps (5)
 - 2 Chewing nut (8)
 - 3 Restore two kinds of material (7)
 - 4 Go for blondest (8)
 - 5 When the whistle goes (4, 4)
 - 6 Like Samson (6)
 - 10 Make sour with beer finally (8)
 - 12 Element of much importance these days (7)
 - 13 Horse in the garden, perhaps (6)
 - 14 Frogg thing to hang by (6)
 - 16 Gas unit (6)
 - 17 Not flush (6)

WEDNESDAY'S SOLUTION: Across—1. Fuel, 4. Glasses, 6. Ogee, 8. Ship, 10. Against, 11. Pet, 12. Sole, 14. Hooded, 17. Frig, 18. Aspen, 22. Slender, 24. Lala, 27. Bonn, 28. General, 30. Give, 30. Teal, 31. Delectable, 32. Knead, 33. Author, 34. Topped, 4. Clear, 6. Legion, 8. Shift, 7. Ennui, 12. Spas, 13. Live, 15. Hope, 16. Done, 18. Debate, 20. Single, 21. Mailed, 23. Liege, 24. X-ray, 25. Roles.

A Hunt For Loch Ness Monster With TV Cameras

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

London, Mar. 5. A hunt for the Loch Ness Monster with the Navy's latest underwater TV camera is being planned for mid-May.

The Admiralty has been asked by BBC's Glasgow office to supply equipment. And the Admiralty is expected to agree, providing the expedition is published as a scientific survey of the 25-mile-long loch and not as monster-hunting stunt.

More than 2,000 people claim to have seen the monster with several humps and long thin neck surfaces from the 75-foot depths of the freshwater loch.

The National Institute of Oceanography has offered to help providing "it doesn't cost us any money," a spokesman said, adding: "As we don't believe such a monster exists, we couldn't lend the staff or equipment."

The Navy's TV cameras which located sunken submarine in the English Channel could pick up swimming objects clearly enough for it to be seen on domestic TV screens, and BBC hopes to stage such a broadcast.

Some navy men think the monster sightings are really glimpses of dummy mines sunk in the loch during the First World War, which surface momentarily before sinking after their mooring cables rust and break.—London Express Service.

LACK OF JET PILOTS IN JAPAN

Tokyo, Mar. 5. Japan will not have enough qualified pilots by the end of this year to fly the aircraft supplied under the terms of the Japan-United States mutual security pact, it was confirmed here tonight.

A spokesman for the Japanese Air Defence Force said at the end of the present fiscal year (ending this month) Japan will have 82 qualified pilots and 65 student pilots as against a total of 285 F-86-F jet aircraft.—Reuter.

LONG-RANGE TYPES ASSEMBLED IN OWN SHIPYARDS

Washington, Mar. 5. China is assembling Soviet-type long-range submarines in its own shipyards, United States Naval leaders reported in heavily-censored testimony to Congress published tonight.

Admiral Arleigh Burke, US Chief of Naval Operations, told the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee that China now had 13 submarines in commission.

"The original ones were Russian transfers, but now they are undoubtedly assembling W Class (submarines) in their own yards with Soviet material and technical support," he said.

Reprieve Of Girl Terrorist Suggested

Paris, Mar. 5. French President Rene Coty has been recommended to reprieve Djamilia Bouhired, 22-year-old Algerian girl sentenced to death in Algiers on charges of complicity in bomb outrages, it was officially announced tonight.

A spokesman for M. Robert Lacoste, French Minister for Algeria, who recommended the reprieve, denied reports that Djamilia would be hanged this week.

BOMBS

"No woman has been executed in French territory for more than half a century," he said.

The spokesman said M. Lacoste asked for the reprieve shortly after Djamilia was found guilty last July.

She was alleged to have supplied bombs to people who placed them in cafes.

Among those who have supported a reprieve are 70 British Labour Members of Parliament, the Jordanian Government, General Georges Catroux, former Governor-General of Indo-China, the French novelist Francoise Sagan and film star Simone Signoret.

The Algerian Insurgent National Liberation Front (FLN) said in a communique on Monday that if Djamilia mounted the scaffold, the National Liberation Army would "react."—Reuter.

FRONTIER CLASHES

Damascus, Mar. 5. Two armed Turkish soldiers were arrested inside Syrian territory last Monday, Damascus radio said today. The broadcast added that a Turkish detachment had entered Syria within the last few days and had arrested two Arab policemen and taken them to Turkey where they were still held.

Damascus radio also said that a motorized Jordanian patrol opened fire yesterday on members of the "peoples resistance movement" in a Syrian frontier village.

The fire was not returned, and there were no Syrian losses. The frontier authorities are conducting an enquiry into these incidents, the broadcast added.—France-Press.

Catholic Church vs State

THE MARRIAGE WAS INVALID, RULES COURT

Cagliari, Sardinia, Mar. 5. THE Italian Appeals Court here has declared a death-bed marriage, considered valid by the Catholic Church, to be invalid for the state.

The marriage took place in the presence of four witnesses but without a priest because a dying man and a woman with whom he had lived for many years.

The man was on his death bed on August 31, 1956. He wanted to marry the woman and asked for a priest. But the priest could not be found in time.

The marriage ceremony then took place in the presence of the witnesses. It was con-

sidered valid under article 1,398 of the code of Canon Law.

A priest later questioned the witnesses and entered the marriage in the record of his parish church.

But the City Hall Registrar refused to transcribe the marriage in the register of the state.

The woman went to court but lost her case last October. She appealed, and lost again.

The Appeals Court ruled that a religious marriage has full civil effects in Italy and can be entered in the state records only if a priest was present at the ceremony and signed the marriage contract.—China Mail Special.

"QUEEN OF THE GANG"



WENDY Craig, 23, as the Australian "Queen" of a gang of Teddy boys, and Anthony Valentine as one of her subjects, rehearse at the London Royal Court Theatre for the opening of Ann Jellicoe's prize-winning play, "The Sport of My Mad Mother."

I Was Framed! SAYS EX-S'PORE GOVT. OFFICIAL

London, Mar. 6. Mr George Skelt, dismissed from a senior post by the Singapore City Council last week, alleges in a cable to the Daily Mail today that he was "framed" by the People's Action Party.

Moscow Radio Congratulates Fuchs And Hillary

London, Mar. 5. Moscow Radio, in a broadcast to Britain tonight said that the achievements of Dr Vivian Fuchs, Sir Edmund Hillary and the Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition had stirred the hearts of people everywhere.

The broadcast said it appeared "deeply symbolic" that the expedition should end its trek across the Antarctic at Scott Base.

SCOTT'S TALE

Scott's tale stirred the hearts not only of every Englishman but of people everywhere who admire true fortitude. So, too do the achievements of Dr Fuchs, Sir Edmund Hillary and the other members of the Commonwealth Expedition, the broadcast said.

"The Soviet public were following the work of the many Antarctic expeditions with the keenest interest," the Radio added.

"The close co-operation of the scientists of Great Britain and Russia, the U.S.A. and France, Australia and Belgium, the Argentine and Norway, New Zealand, Japan, Chile and other countries will help unravel the mysteries of the great white continent."—Reuter.

The newspaper devotes a full column on its front page to Mr Skelt's cable from his homebound ship and to comments by his wife.

Mr Skelt lost his job as the Council's electricity department commercial secretary after allegations that he had embraced a young Chinese typist.

The cable from Mr Skelt reads: "The dismissal was undoubtedly planned by the anti-white People's Action Party. The approach has typical Communist characteristics, with additional Eurasian influence."

"The case was framed after a series of unsuccessful attempts commencing with a section on an unsubstantiated, anonymous Chinese letter."

"An English translation was apparently released to a Chinese newspaper. The original was apparently sighted only by one important civil official."

"The head of the department instructed my chief administration officer to investigate the final accusation, which was completely frivolous."

"The head of the department reported that there was no case to answer, but it was decided otherwise."

"No opportunity was given to prepare a defence. A lawyer, with one hour's briefing, shredded the accusations, but without effect."

ASIAN GIRLS

The Daily Mail also quotes his wife, living at Woodford Green, Essex, as saying: "This is a frame-up by anti-white factions."

"I know my husband well enough to be certain that he would not do a thing like that they have alleged against him. I just do not believe it."

"He has almost 200 Asian girls working for him. We were very friendly with them all."

"They used to invite us to their family celebrations and knew my children by their Christian names."

Mrs Skelt returned to Britain on leave last Christmas to see their 19-year-old son in a boarding school.—Reuter.

Reparations

Tokyo, Mar. 5. The Japanese-Indonesian reparations agreement will be ratified by the Japanese Diet (Parliament) despite the present political situation in Indonesia, the Prime Minister, Mr Nobusuke Kishi said here today.—Reuter.

King Saud's Plot Failed

Offered £2 Million To Kill Nasser, Says Army Chief

Damascus, Mar. 5. King Saud of Saudi Arabia was alleged here tonight to have plotted the assassination of President Nasser and the downfall of the Egyptian-Syrian Republic set up under his leadership.

Colonel Abdel Hamid Serraj, Syria's military "Strong Man" and Army Intelligence Chief, told correspondents that he was offered nearly £2,000,000 and the Syrian presidency if he agreed to carry out the plot.

FATHER'S SOUL

But he informed Marshal Hakim Amer, Commander-in-Chief of the Egyptian-Syrian forces, and cashed cheques passed to him for the benefit of the Republic, he said.

Colonel Serraj said the go-between in the plot was Asad Ibrahim, whom he described as King Saud's father-in-law, who told him that the United States would recognise a new regime set up by him (Serraj). Other Western countries were to follow suit, he said.

Ibrahim said, according to Serraj: "King Saud has described the Egyptian-Syrian Union as Egyptian imperialism and has given by his father's soul that this Union shall not take place, and that he places all his powers, moral and financial, at your disposal, offering you the Syrian presidency."

Colonel Serraj said King Saud offered through his father-in-law £2 million Syrian (about £200,000 sterling) for the assassination of President Nasser.

The Intelligence Chief addressed a press conference a few hours after President Nasser himself said in a broadcast speech from Damascus that "imperialist, imperialist, imperialist and oil interests" had offered £1,000,000 sterling to prevent the Union of Egypt and Syria.

"Serraj immediately contacted Marshal Amer, who explained the situation to me, and I said: 'All right, let's take the money offered.' Nasser said: 'Contact the Saudis, and the bargains and plots began.'"

Colonel Serraj gave correspondents photostat copies of three bearer cheques totalling £1,000,000 sterling, originating in Riyadh, the Saudi capital.

President Nasser said the money would be used to promote heavy industry.—Reuter.

Envoy Dies

Washington, Mar. 5. Career diplomat George Wadsworth died today at the Bethesda, Maryland, Naval Hospital following an operation.

A native of Buffalo, New York, Wadsworth, 64, joined the U.S. Foreign Service 42 years ago. During his early career, he served in Lebanon, France, Turkey, Bulgaria, Egypt, Iran, Rumania, Palestine, Italy and Syria.—United Press.

United Nations Mar. 5. Prince Aly Khan took his delegate's seat at the United Nations for the first time today when he represented Pakistan at a meeting of the Consultative Committee for the United Nations Emergency Force in the Near East.—France-Press.

World Census: A Training Centre In Japan

New York, Mar. 5. The United Nations announced today that a training centre is to be arranged in Tokyo towards the end of this year for officials from Asia and the Far East concerned in the 1960 world census programme.

The centre will be held under the joint auspices of the United Nations and the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO). These two bodies have been making preparations for several years for the census, which will cover population, housing and agriculture.

The Japanese government will co-operate with the training centre, which will last for three to four months and deal with the planning, organisation, administration, and operation of censuses.

SECOND CENTRE

A second centre, probably in 1959, would deal with the analysis, evaluation, and use of census data, the United Nations said in a statement. The location of this centre has not yet been decided.

The statement also revealed that the Ford Foundation had offered up to US\$300,000 to help governments in the Far East and Asia in the census programme.

It said that the funds made available by the Ford Foundation, plus the resources of the U.N. and FAO, would enable the two organisations to carry out an enlarged programme of technical assistance in the field of statistics, specifically in advising governments in census planning and operations, and in the training of officials.

A United Nations progress report on plans for the census showed that three-fourths or more of the countries in each major region of the world would be represented in the census: approximately 73 per cent of the countries of Asia and the Far East; 70 per cent in Oceania; 83 per cent in Africa; and the Near East; 87 per cent in the Americas; and 88 per cent in Europe.—Reuter.

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WHILE THE PRESIDENT IS UNDER
FIRE THE SPOTLIGHT FALLS ON...

THE MAN WHO COVERS UP FOR IKE

WHEN Henry Luce starts criticising President Eisenhower, then Ike is in real trouble. For years Mr Luce, proprietor of *Time* and *Life* magazines, has hero-worshipped Dwight Eisenhower, and the staff of his papers, many of whom I know, have had to angle their copy to present Eisenhower in the most favourable possible light.

But now the Titan of American publishing is criticising the President's "absences" and *Time* men are writing on different lines.

The truth is that the President has lost almost all touch with the people. He is making mistakes after mistake, alienating what following he has left. At a time when there are nearly 5,000,000 unemployed in America the President calmly uses the Presidential plane, Columbine III, to take his wife, Mamie, to a rest farm and beauty parlour in Phoenix, Arizona. That was not good for publicity.

The cost of the trip in the Super-Constellation? Fourteen thousand dollars, or nearly £5,600.

And instead of presenting the 3,000-mile round trip in a favourable light, James Hagerly, the President's Press secretary, bristles at mild questioning and lashes out at the Press.

'Out of bounds'

HE tells reporters, "You are out of bounds" when they ask routine questions. Either Hagerly is one of the worst advisers any President ever had, or he is so worried about Mr Eisenhower's failure to stick to his job in the White House that his nerves have frayed to the inevitable cover-up task.

Hagerly has become so close to the President that when he is asked what Mr Eisenhower thinks about some national or international problem, the Press Secretary replies: "We think..."

It is nearly always "We" and rarely "He."

At the slightest suggestion that Mr Eisenhower is some-

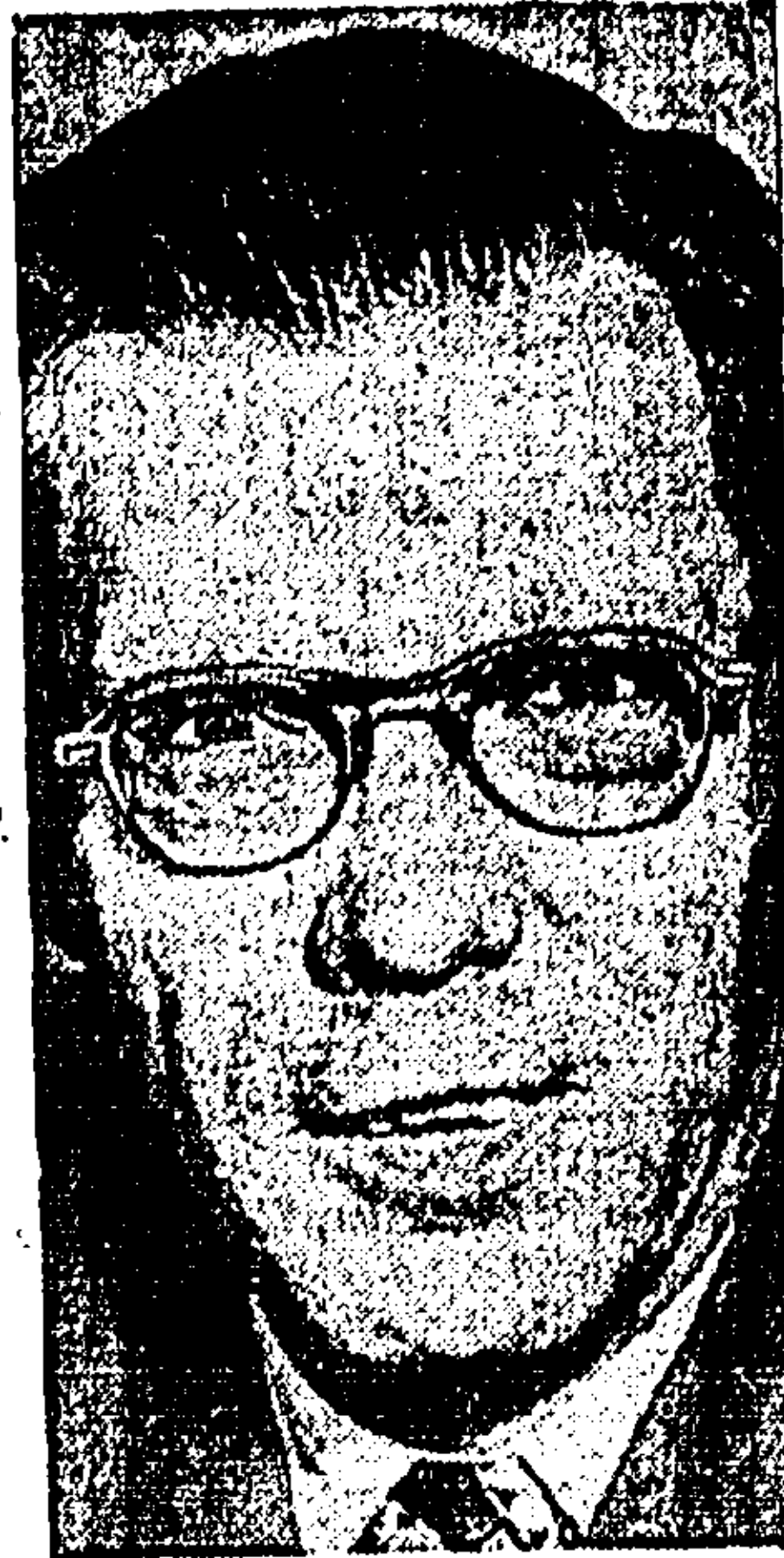
what short of perfection the Irish temper of Mr Hagerly flares. Actually Jim is a routine reporter from the *New York Times* who, having done little in journalism, switched to become Press and publicity secretary to Governor Thomas E. Dewey in Albany, New York State.

During Eisenhower's first campaign Dewey lent Hagerly to the General, and the ex-reporter has stayed with the President ever since. He has no elected office, no administrative background, and little knowledge of foreign affairs. Yet he behaves as an

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assistant President, and sometimes as an acting President. His arrogance has grown with his power. He has lost his skill with the White House correspondents. The entire trip of Mrs Eisenhower, accompanied

*But now he is
beginning to
lose his nerve*



HAGERLY: His arrogance has grown.

Nevertheless, when housewives all over America are scripping, this isn't the way to get votes for Eisenhower's party, the Republicans.

Maine Chance is famous as a retreat for millionaires' wives.

If you can afford it, well and good. But the Republicans cannot afford the votes. My forecast is they will get such a licking in the forthcoming election that it will take ten years for them to recover.

Facing ruin

THE Republicans face catastrophe. And everything they do makes the position worse. Here is the Elder Statesman of the party, ex-President Herbert Hoover, the czar of caution, making the identical speech he delivered in the great depression and saying everything is bound to come all right in the long run.

As Hoover speaks, Eisenhower shoots quail, practises tee shots, or sits in front of the fire. Sometimes Eisenhower sits and thinks. Sometimes he just sits.

through acres of awful heat and through periods of dreadful cold.

I regard the toad as more strange and wonderful even than that other strange and wonderful survival from prehistoric dawn, the coelacanth, but the latter is a novelty, while Mr Toad gets often kicked aside because he is so commonplace.

His erstwhile contemporaries, the plant prehistoric reptiles, became extinct because they had such tiny brains that they could not adapt themselves to a changing world.

Now the world changed again, for suddenly a dark cloud drifted across the face of the sun, and immediately it was bitterly cold.

Giving me a glance of philosophical resignation, Mr Toad slowly turned and crawled back to his hole between the roots.

For the next three nights it froze hard and he did not emerge until the fourth day at high noon, when there was a warm sun and a blue sky. Out he came to the sand-patch and sat there blinking in lazy content.

The toad, like that other very ancient beast, the coelacanth, is one of the only three beings (the shrew is the third) which do nothing but good in a garden. Toads will be grateful if you convert some shady corner of the garden into a dark grotto. Jumble up a few rocks or bricks and grow ferns or rock plants in the crannies, keeping the whole thing comfortably moist. Catch your toads and release them near the grotto. They'll never travel far.

Comfortable

Being one up on this particular toad because I possess a radio and he doesn't, I knew that another cold snap was on the way, so I picked him up and let him go in my workroom. There, no matter what the crazy weather does, he will be comfortable until spring really comes.

This morning, as I write, he is sitting solemnly in the very middle of the room. Now and again a woodlouse falls with a thump from the old wooden roof. Mr Toad moves towards it and out goes his sticky tongue and back he lumbers to the strategic centre of his operation.

He is getting nicely into practice and already looks much fitter.



"Confidentially, do you think that's a good way of preparing a Summit for disarmament talks?"

London Express Service

ROUND-UP

MOSCOW

THE second Soviet Sputnik is gradually coming down. After 105 days it had dropped 120 miles from the maximum height of its orbit. But it is still 875 miles above the earth's surface.

It is now taking 97 minutes to circle the earth—six minutes less than when it was launched. It is gaining speed at four seconds every 24 hours as it gradually spirals down.

Recently it made its 1,500th circle around the earth. It had then travelled slightly further than the distance to Mars when that planet is at its closest point to the earth or the equivalent of 175 flights to the moon.

PARIS

THE United States has pinpointed Russia's Sputnik launching base.

It is called Kapustin Yar and it is near Stalingrad, claims "Missiles and Rockets," the American magazine which gave news of Russian earth satellites months before they were launched.

It says U.S. radar bases on Russia's southern border have picked up the missiles at a height of 35 miles over Kapustin Yar while they were still rising vertically and tracked them along the entire Russian southern test range, which goes 1,500 miles over uninhabited desert northeast of Lake Balkash.

At Samarkand in Turkey the American watchers are only 700 miles from the Russian missile centre.

GENEVA

UNSEASONABLY warm weather has practically ruined Switzerland's winter sports this year. Village streets in the mountain resorts, usually covered at this time of year with three feet of snow, are today fast running streams.

Bob-sleigh runs and ice rinks are closed at many places. Even the curling pitches are sloshy runways.

Warm west winds are bringing a threat of disastrous avalanches from the higher peaks in Eastern Switzerland.

KATMANDU

THE Abominable Snowman mystery may soon be solved.

The chief of Nepal's north-western state of Mustang, bordering Tibet, is reported to be in possession of a creature's skin whose colour is described as "dirty black."

Reports say the creature was killed by some other animal while trying to steal grazing yaks about four months ago.

The skin may be brought to England.

Mr. Toad finds a place

IT was one of those warm, February days when an occasional bluebottle blunders out with crumpled wings and a frightful air of debauchery.

In the garden a blackbird was teasing its spring song and I almost felt like singing myself, except that I can't sing.

For spring was in the air. Indubitably a false promise, but it was a belated one as I went up the orchard to cut logs from the old walnut tree which the last great storm laid low.

Unchanged

And as I got there, from a hole between two gnarled roots there lumbered a beast as old as the hills and as ugly as Satan. You could almost hear his limbs

UP COUNT: BY
**THURLOW
CRAIG**

cranking as he crawled forth from his long winter sleep.

Then he reached a patch of sun-warmed sand and stopped, visibly relaxing, drinking in the warm rays.

This was Mr Toad, one of the oldest unchanged species in the world.

I wondered at his temerity but thought of the incredible powers of endurance and adaptability that kept his kind alive and flourishing over the millennia.

The evidence is most conclusive /



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NEUTRALISATION OF GERMANY

THIS IS SOMETHING FOR GERMANS TO DECIDE AFTER THEY HAVE ACHIEVED REUNIFICATION (SEE BELOW). AT THE MOMENT THE SCHEME IS OPPOSED BECAUSE IT IS BELIEVED RUSSIA WOULD GAIN A STRATEGIC ADVANTAGE IF GERMANY IS NEUTRALISED.

GERMANY & NATO

THE WESTERN GERMANS SHOULD BE MEMBERS OF NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION SINCE THEY WANT IT.

EAST-WEST NON-AGGRESSION PACT

YES, BUT IT MUST BE PART OF A WIDER PEACE AGREEMENT.

NO, IT WOULD GIVE A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY.

REUNIFICATION OF GERMANY

IN FAVOUR PROVIDED IT IS BASED ON FREE ELECTIONS.

POLAND'S WESTERN FRONTIER (ODER-NEISSE LINE)

THIS REMAINS TO BE SETTLED AT AN ALL-GERMAN PEACE TREATY CONFERENCE.

DE-NUCLEARISED ZONE IN CENTRAL EUROPE

THIS PROPOSAL IS OPEN TO OBJECTIONS, BUT PREPARED TO EXAMINE IT.

NOT VERY MUCH IN FAVOUR OF IDEA.

THE SATELLITES

RUSSIA MUST LET THESE COUNTRIES RUN THEIR OWN SHOW AND NOT INTERFERE.

RUSSIA MUST ALLOW FREE ELECTIONS IN THESE COUNTRIES.

COST OF SUPPORTING TROOPS IN WEST GERMANY

IF BRITAIN IS TO KEEP TROOPS IN WEST GERMANY, THE GERMANS MUST BE PREPARED TO PAY—IN CASH.

SYMPATHETIC TO BRITISH DEMANDS

MIDDLE EAST

AT A SUMMIT MEETING WE MUST TACKLE THE ARAB-ISRAELI PROBLEM.

KREMLIN ATTITUDE IS UNKNOWN ON THIS POINT. HAS NEVER ACTUALLY PROPOSED NEUTRALISATION OF GERMANY.

KREMLIN WANTS W. GERMANS OUT OF NATO. TO ACHIEVE THIS IT HAS PROPOSED THAT BOTH NATO AND THE WARSAW PACT (THE EASTERN "NATO") BE DISSOLVED.

YES, BUT NOT NECESSARILY AS PART OF WIDER AGREEMENT.

NOT IN FAVOUR. NOW, HAS PROPOSED GERMAN CONFEDERATION, RETAINING EAST AND WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENTS.

IT IS SETTLED ALREADY. KREMLIN HAS GUARANTEED THE FRONTIER.

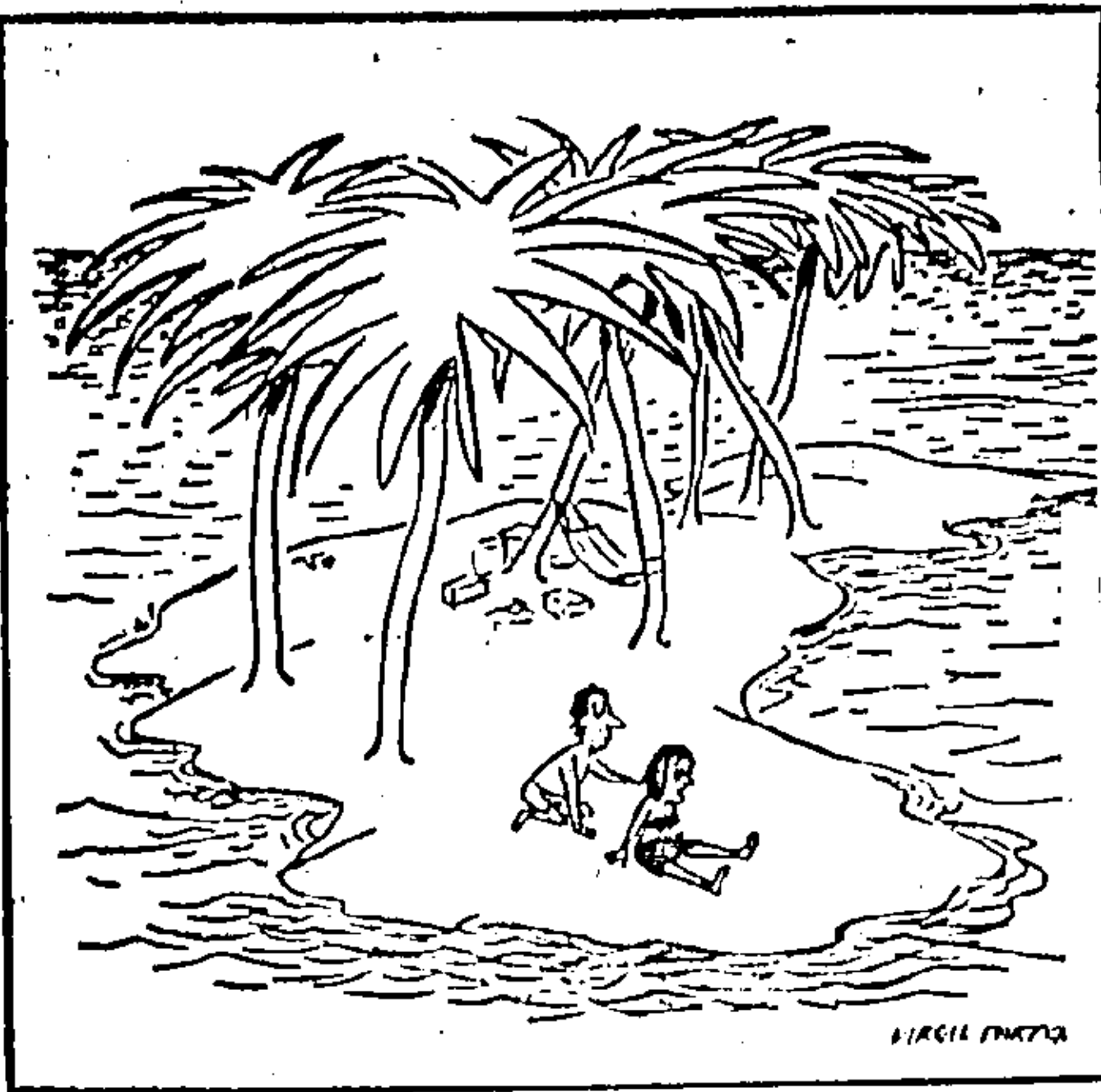
YES, FULL SUPPORT.

NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION.

QUESTION DOES NOT ARISE.

AT A SUMMIT MEETING THE PROBLEM OF THE YEMEN AND OMAN MUST BE TACKLED.

This Funny World



"You never take me any place any more."

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

THE umpire who presides at bell-ringing contests must be the most patient and long-suffering man in Europe.

It is possible that he called off the Loughborough Jumbos after 20,509 changes had been rung—in 10 hours because he could not stand any more of it. But the official explanation was that an argument about the quality of the ringing resulted in someone "making a wrong change." A ding instead of a dong after 10 hours is enough to upset anyone.

Among the artists

I LOOK forward to an exhibition of the paintings of Ambrose Wock. His method is to dress in football clothes, stand on a red ladder, and squirt paint down through a hose on to a large canvas. He then roller-skates over the canvas to make a strange pattern. This pattern is the picture. Wock is the leader of the Opportunist School, who hold that inspiration is a mood, and that when the mood occurs one must leave the rest to chance, not knowing what will be produced, and having no aim but to allow the picture to emerge without any preconceived idea or plan. He differs from Banzen only in his technique. Banzen shoots his paint out of a water-pistol on to black cardboard, and then lets nice little jets of paint run on the cardboard, "weaving strange arabesques," to quote Dolphorist.

Dagger in the Dark (11)

BY the time the wedding party had dispersed, 47 British secret service agents had revealed themselves to each other, and were all looking very silly in their useless disguises. They were chatting away so cheerfully that not one of them noticed that the only one among them who looked like a British agent, whom they had all criticised for his rashness in appearing as himself, had

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

BORN today you men and women may differ widely in the outward expression of your basic characteristics. But if you are sensitive, artistic and have the poise that comes with your own mind, and stick to your decisions, even if you are made, you women are highly intuitive, and more factual than men. For the artistic talents in a more mechanical or constructive fashion. You women under this sign are dreamers; you men, the "doers."

Both of you are fair, honest and reliable in all your dealings with others. In business, however, you are quite shrewd and will make a close bargain. You are not to be imposed upon in any business deal. You always read the fine print in a contract!

Since you have a home-loving nature, you will be happiest if you wed quite early in life and have

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) New contacts today can further your career or perhaps bring romance into your life. Have fun in either case!

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) If you are thoroughly co-operative with members of your own family, then all should work out advantageously.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21) Combine social and business connections to bring about additional success in your job or career.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) You may successfully combine business and social affairs today and gain pleasure as well as profit.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Be co-operative and if your own coincide with those of the other partners, then success should be in store for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Artistic efforts are favoured. Should be able to further your career by an appeal to the feminine sex.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) Commercial affairs are in the foreground today. Perhaps you can sell some personal effects and make money.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) You have two days of wide open opportunities, so take full advantage of them. Reach your objective.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23) Combine personal business and social affairs with occupational aims for the best possible success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23) You can benefit through close co-operation with business and social associates. Combine interests.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20) Press employment matters. If seeking a better job, this might be the day that you will find it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Romantic interests take the spotlight today, and your intended might make future plans.

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Hand Defies Point Count

By OSWALD JACOBY

WEST had a hand that was all full of point count. He decided to play easy with it and merely overcalled South's opening spade bid with two hearts.

North bid two spades and East with plenty of nothing passed as did South. Now West leaped to four hearts and North stayed right in the swing by going to four spades.

West doubled and opened the king of diamonds whereupon South with a nice 11 high card point opening opposite dummy's four point raise proceeded to make all the tricks.

There wasn't much difficulty about it. He simply led a club to dummy's ace and ruffed a club. Since both opponents followed there was only one club left. South played the ace

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| SOUTH (D) | | WEST | |
| ♠ AK743 | | ♠ 102 | |
| ♥ 1083 | | ♥ K64 | |
| ♦ A970 | | ♦ 108432 | |
| ♣ 2 | | ♣ J85 | |
| No one vulnerable | | | |
| South | West | North | East |
| 1-♠ | 2-♥ | 2-♠ | Pass |
| Pass | 4-♥ | 4-♠ | Pass |
| Pass | Double | Pass | Pass |
| Opening lead—♦ K | | | |

and king of trumps and they broke evenly. Now he ruffed a diamond in dummy, ruffed another club to establish the rest of dummy's nice seven card suit, ruffed another diamond with dummy's last trump and discarded his three hearts and last diamond on dummy's good clubs.

East was quite angry with West. He pointed out that West could have let the hand play at two spades and that surely West did not have to double.

I must say that West received the full treatment and I am sure that it he had his life to live over again he would have passed two spades. At the same time I feel that the next time he will be willing and anxious to push the opponents into game once more and will probably give them the same chance to make it doubled. Who can blame him?

CARD GAME

Q—The bidding has been: West North East South 1-♠ Double Rebl. ? You, South, hold: AK876 ♥ 55 ♦ 32 ♣ J8543 What do you do?

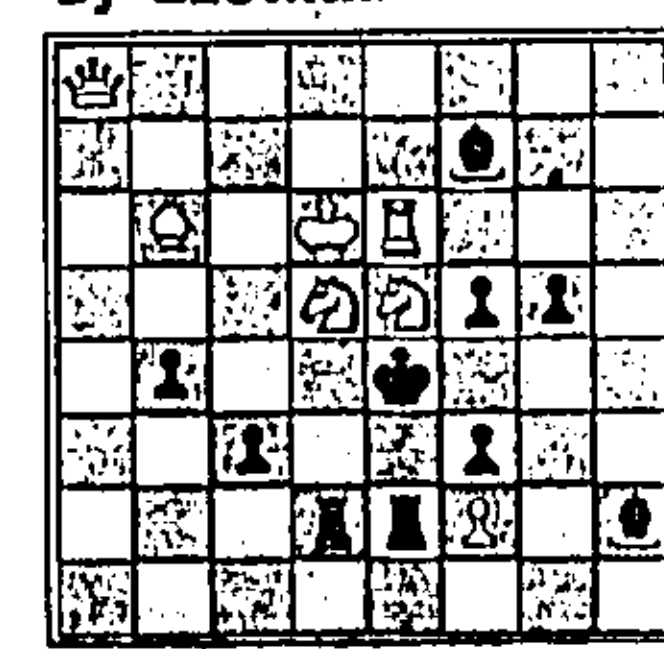
A—Did one spade. You have five clubs but spades is the top suit and you have the king.

TODAY'S QUESTION The bidding continues with a pass by West, three spades by North and four diamonds by East. What do you, South, do now?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN



A problem by E. M. Hassberg (Holland, 1949). White mates in three.

London Express Service

TARGET



HOW many words of 4 or more letters can you make from the letters in the target? No plurals. No foreign words. No proper names. TODAY'S TARGET: 54 words, good; 44 words, very good; 30 words, excellent.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: 100 words. Words of 4 or more letters: 100 words. Words of 5 or more letters: 100 words. Words of 6 or more letters: 100 words. Words of 7 or more letters: 100 words. Words of 8 or more letters: 100 words. Words of 9 or more letters: 100 words. Words of 10 or more letters: 100 words. Words of 11 or more letters: 100 words. Words of 12 or more letters: 100 words. Words of 13 or more letters: 100 words. Words of 14 or more letters: 100 words. Words of 15 or more letters: 100 words. Words of 16 or more letters: 100 words. Words of 17 or more letters: 100 words. Words of 18 or more letters: 100 words. Words of 19 or more letters: 100 words. Words of 20 or more letters: 100 words. Words of 21 or more letters: 100 words. Words of 22 or more letters: 100 words. Words of 23 or more letters: 100 words. Words of 24 or more letters: 100 words. Words of 25 or more letters: 100 words. Words of 26 or more letters: 100 words. Words of 27 or more letters: 100 words. 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ARE THEY SHOWING SIGNS OF WEAKNESS?

Australian "Wonder Kids" Now Hold Twenty World Men's Records

Sydney, Mar. 5.
The four world swimming records broken by Australians today brought to 35 the number of world marks set or broken by the Australian "Wonder Kids" in the past two months.

The kids, most of them in their teens, now hold 20 out of 30 official world men's records, including all the free-style and backstroke marks in metric distances and yards alike.

Top man and greatest swimmer of all time is 15-year-old John Konrads, who has beaten or set 14 individual marks and helped to set three others in relay events.

John Monckton alone holds all the world backstroke records. Of the 35 world marks in the past two months, 10 were set by girls.

The Records

Here is the amazing string of 20 men's records now held by Australia:

John Devitt, 100 metres in 51.8 seconds, Sydney, January 21, 1957; 110 yards, in 55.2 seconds, Sydney, January 19, 1957.

John Konrads, 200 metres and 220 yards in 2 minutes, 03.2 seconds, Sydney, March 5, 1958; 400 metres and 440 yards in 4 minutes, 21.2 seconds, Melbourne, February 18, 1958; 800 metres and 880 yards, in 9 minutes, 14.5 seconds, Melbourne, February 22, 1958.

Australian relay teams, 400 metres in 3 minutes, 46.3 seconds, Brisbane, March 3, 1958.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NINTH (ANNUAL) RACE MEETING

Saturday 1st, Wednesday 5th and Saturday 8th March, 1958 (To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 30 RACES.

The First Race will be run at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12.00 Noon each day.

The Tiffin interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.) each day.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. each day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.

All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable prior to the Meeting from the Club's Cash Sweep Offices, at Queen's Building, Chater Road and Nathan Road, Kowloon, only on the written introduction of a Member, and on production of his Guest Record Card. Members are limited to 6 guests each Race Day, and will be responsible for all guests introduced by them.

Tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

The 6th Floor is restricted to Members and Ladies wearing Lady's Brooches.

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employers' boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths or Pay Out Booths in the Enclosures.

CASH SWEEPS

Although Through Tickets cannot normally be purchased for each day of a Meeting unless there is an interval of at least five days between each day an exception is being made for the Annual Race Meeting. Through Cash Sweep Tickets, therefore, at \$20 each per day or \$60 for the three days of the Meeting may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building (Chater Road) and 5, D'Almeida Street during normal office hours and until 10.00 a.m. on each day of the Meeting.

Particular numbers within the sector 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 28th February will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from Subscription Lists without stating reasons for their action.

Tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting at \$2.00 each and Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby scheduled to be run on 10th May, 1958, at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at: Queen's Building (Chater Road) and 5, D'Almeida Street on Thursday 27th, Friday 28th February, Monday 3rd Tuesday 4th Thursday 6th, Saturday 1st, Wednesday 5th and Saturday 8th March.

382, Nathan Road, Kowloon, Thursday 27th, Friday 28th February, Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th Thursday 6th and Friday 7th March.

TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENT WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tip Two men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,

A. E. ARNOLD,

Secretary.

Manchester United In FA Cup Semi-Finals

Manchester, Mar. 5.
Manchester United defeated West Bromwich Albion by one goal to nil in the quarter-final replay of the English Football Association Cup here tonight.

The goal was scored in the last minute by Colin Webster, United play Second Division team Fulham at Villa Park, Birmingham, in the semi-finals.

A crowd of 60,000 saw the match under floodlights at United's ground, Old Trafford, but about 30,000 were left outside who police and Manchester Club officials decided to close the gates early as a safety precaution.

United, urged on to almost superhuman effort by the tremendous applause of their supporters, deserved their victory.

Inspired by little inside right Ernie Taylor, signed after the Munich crash, the Manchester forwards lunched attack after attack and should have had at least one goal earlier in the game.

But United, too, had their anxious moments and only brilliant goalkeeping by Irish international Harry Gregg, a survivor of the crash, saved them when England inside left Derek Kevan broke through unmarked with 10 minutes left.

The entire match was relayed by a special television link to Munich, where crash survivors, including United manager Matt Busby, heard the result in hospital.

Mr Busby was jubilant when he spoke on the telephone to fellow manager Jimmy Murphy. "Just the thing, wonderful," he exclaimed.—Reuter.

Football League Standings

The following are the local Football League standings up to and including March 1:

FIRST DIVISION

| Club | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|-------------|----|----|---|----|-----|
| South China | 14 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 23 |
| Kowloon | 14 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 22 |
| Keele | 14 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 20 |
| South China | 14 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 19 |
| Police | 14 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 16 |
| Police | 14 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 15 |
| Police | 14 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 14 |
| Police | 14 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 13 |
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RESERVE DIVISION

| Club | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|--------|----|---|----|---|-----|
| Police | 12 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 19 |
| Police | 12 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 18 |
| Police | 12 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 17 |
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| Police | 12 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 10 |

SECOND DIVISION

| Club | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|--------|----|---|----|---|-----|
| Police | 12 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 18 |
| Police | 12 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 17 |
| Police | 12 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 16 |
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THIRD DIVISION

| Club | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|--------|----|---|----|---|-----|
| Police | 12 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 18 |
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IRISH CUP

London, Mar. 5.

Linfield beat Portadown 6-4 in the Second Round replay of the Irish Football Cup tonight.

The match was played at Linfield.—Reuter.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 10th Race Meeting 1957/58 to be held on Saturday, 22nd March, 1958, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday, 11th March, 1958.

By Order of the Stewards, A. E. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Junior Badminton Championships at Taitoko Lockyard Club. Motor Sports. Motor Sports Club social evening, HAT office.

TOMORROW

Junior Badminton Championships at LRC 730 p.m.

HKFA Fixtures For March 12-16

The following Hongkong Football Association matches have been arranged for the period March 12-16:

March 12

CHARITY MATCH

South China v. KMB, HK Stadium, 8 p.m. Ref. G. H. Pritchard.

Police v. Lines, Mak Young-fai and S. U. Woo.

Combined v. Kin. Schools Combined—8.30 p.m.

March 15

1ST DIVISION

Eastern v. Army, Caroline Hill, 4 p.m. Ref. G. H. Pritchard.

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Combined v. Kin. Schools Combined—8.30 p.m.

2ND DIVISION

Talkoo v. Prisons, Club, 2.30 p.m. Ref. F. A. Barretto; Lines, Y. C. Mak and P. Manson.

South China v. S. Joseph's, H.V., 2.30 p.m. Ref. J. Moore.

Police v. Lines, Mak Young-fai and S. U. Woo.

3RD DIVISION

University v. South China, H.V., 2.30 p.m. Ref. Y. Loong-chun.

Police v. Lines, Mak Young-fai and S. U. Woo.

Combined v. Kin. Schools Combined—8.30 p.m.

March 16

1ST DIVISION

Sing Tao v. Tung Wah, Club, 4 p.m. Ref. S. U. Woo; Lines, Mak Young-fai and Chan Shiu-chun.

Police v. Jardine, Boundary St., 4 p.m. Ref. F. J. Kirkham; Lines, R. Webb and Morsden-White.

RESERVE DIVISION

Sing Tao v. Tung Wah, Club, 2.30 p.m. Ref. D. P. Lai; Lines, A. A. James and S. Y. Kwok.

2ND DIVISION

REME v. B.A.M.C. Boundary St., 2.30 p.m. Ref. F. J. Kirkham; Lines, Liu Ting-kai and Leo Tak-ke.

Navy v. Telephone, Navy, 4 p.m. Ref. Wong King-chung; Lines, Luk Tai-sun and Wong Wah-ky.

Police v. Jardine, Boundary St., 4 p.m. Ref. F. J. Kirkham; Lines, R. Webb and Morsden-White.

3RD DIVISION

S & S Tam v. Wayfoong, P.S.A., Navy, 2.30 p.m. Ref. Wong Kam-fai; Lines, Wong Yuk-chun and R. E. Lenton.

Dodwell v. Watsons, H.V., 2.30 p.m. Ref. J. B. Halgh; Lines, Hon Sik-wai and Tsang Nal-bun.

CMB v. RIL, H.V., 2.30 p.m. Ref. Chung Tung-sun; Lines, Li Fook-on and Ng Chun-wing.

Kin. Gowdown v. Happy Valley, H.V., 4 p.m. Ref. H.N. Tam; Lines, Mak Hin-ssang and Ng Yau-wai.

1st Div.—RAF v. KMB—postponed; South China—bye.

Wallabies' Last Chance Of International Victory On March 8 At Paris

By JOHN COTTRELL

London.

The Fourth Wallabies have their last chance of winning a rugby international when they meet France at Colombes, Paris, on March 8. It is a chance which may depend a great deal on the staying-power of the Australians.

In each of their four previous internationals, the scoring has followed the same pattern. Each time the Wallabies have started impressively and have led at half-time. Each time they have been overhauled in the second half and have finished raggedly.

The Wallabies are young and extremely fit but, not surprisingly after 30 matches in four months, they are showing signs of staleness. Even so, I am quite prepared to see them beat France for the first time, provided that they can keep in top gear until the final whistle.

Like the Frenchmen, they prefer conditions suitable for fast, open play. They are accustomed to elaborate handling moves and have two very speedy wingers in Ken Donald and Alan Morton.

But if the going is heavy, the Australians, after their costly lessons in Britain, are now equally capable of exploiting slow conditions to their own advantage.

The Fourth Wallabies have won only half their matches and have the worst record of any Dominion touring side in Britain. But they are a far more dangerous force than this record suggests.

The Frenchmen would be wise to remember that the Australians have lost many of their matches by the narrowest of margins and might easily have won a couple of later victories only they had had a prudent place-kicker.

Of course, the Fourth Wallabies are not a great touring side. They lack the four players who did not yield one try in four internationals against the Home Countries. They seriously need a master tactician and strong attacking centre.

Yet this is a quite promising side, considering that their 30 players were drawn from some 1,000 candidates. Any one of the four Home Countries can draw a team from many more players.

The Australian selectors would, I believe, have achieved better results if they had included more seasoned players.

Some of the youngsters have now gained invaluable experience of the rigours and subtleties of international rugby, and several of them promise to give valuable service to Australia in the future.

A High Order

The two teenage full-backs, six-footers Terry Curley and Jim Lenehan, have proved themselves to be natural footballers of a high order. Fly-half Arthur Summons, all-time leading try-scorer, has emerged as easily the best attacking back. Winger Ken Donald (21) and scrum-half Des Connor (22) are both very sound.

Surprisingly, the most valuable Wallaby has been Jim Lenehan, one of the shock selections for the team, who displaced former Australian captain Dick Tooth. Chosen as a full-back, Lenehan has been used to strengthen the three-quarter line in the centre and has become the chief place-kicker.

The approach work of the Australians has always been excellent, but they have lacked the necessary imagination behind the scrum to finish the job. And that, in my opinion, has been the primary reason for their failure.

UNITED WON'T PUT BAN ON AIR TRIPS

Says DAVID JACK

Manchester United are keen to compete in the European Cup next season—and they want to fly again to away matches.

That's the courageous news from the shattered Old Trafford camp, a few weeks after the air crash which killed eight and injured seven United players at Munich airport.

I can tell you that United's directors have already made up their minds they cannot put the clock back 20 years by refusing to fly.

In fact, a United XI will travel abroad at the end of the season for a youth tournament, and I understand they'll go by air.

The European Cup, although only in its third year, is already established as the most important competition in world soccer. But only the cup-holders and the champion club from each country are invited to enter.

It looks odds-on Wolves or Preston North End representing England in next season's competition—but don't take it for granted the Busby Babes are out. Behind-the-scenes moves are being made for Manchester United to get one of those precious 1958-59 European Cup invitations. Listen to United director Mr Bill Petherbridge:

"It has been suggested that we should be elected honorary champions of Europe, but we don't want charity like that. Honorary champions—no. Honorary entrants—yes. And we don't mind fighting through qualifying rounds, to prove we're worthy of it."

This would be the finest gesture European soccer could make to a distressed club. I expect Sir George Graham, the British member of the European Cup Committee, to fight the United cause.

And he might win.

Any Offers?

I've lost count of the number of football managers telling me they'd give a king's ransom for a ball-playing inside forward. I'm beginning to think they're all sleeping.

In case they don't read other newspapers, I'll repeat the information—now nearly a week old—that Arthur Fitzsimons, Middlesbrough and Republic of Ireland international, is available for transfer.

Middlesbrough manager Bob Denison tells me he has not had a single inquiry for "Fitz." And it's not a question of the fee being too high—because no figure has been mentioned.

Before the administrators of the fund settle around the table, they should offer a vacant chair to either chairman Jimmy Hill or secretary Cliff Lloyd from the Players' Union.

Hill or Lloyd must be there—as the only real representatives of all professional footballers. And remember, the Players' Union is the only official body to have passed over large sums of money to dependants already.

The other two cheques were sent to relations of all the players killed at Munich.

BRITISH TENNIS

Davidson-Davis Likely To Meet In Singles Final

London, Mar. 5.
A final between Sven Davidson of Sweden and Michael Davis of Wales is the forecast of the seeding committee for the men's singles title of the British National Covered Courts Championships, which takes place at the Queen's Club from March 10 to 15.

Davidson and Davis, who is the British Number One, are the two top seeds and of the two the Swede seems to have the easier path to the final.

THE TASK OF ERNIE TAYLOR

By Stanley Matthews

Ernie Taylor is one of the grandest little fellows I've ever met. As a football craftsman he has few equals and his cocky personality on the field was always an inspiration to us at Blackpool.

That is why I was delighted to see him make such a success of his first Cup game with Manchester United. Ernie's last few months at Blackpool were not too happy. His reputation for being a trouble-maker was proved. He had his own fixed ideas and often thought he wasn't getting the right treatment.

RIGHT DECISION

I feel that Ernie made the right decision when he moved to Old Trafford—but he knew he was taking the hardest job of his career.

Joining a new club is difficult enough for any established star with a settled style, but there was an added problem for Ernie Taylor.

He had to team up with a hastily assembled collection of eager and talented youngsters. He has to try and fit in with a new, all-out style of play and at the same time use his own vast experience to help them blend into a team.

This is where Ernie will be invaluable. His football knowledge should bring out the best in these boys.

MIGHTY EDWARDS

And Manchester United are going to need all the help they can get in the next season or two. For they have lost two players in one in the death of mighty Duncan Edwards.

Duncan had everything—size, power, skill, and courage. He was only 21, but he loved football and put his heart and soul into it.

With his bullocking dashes up field, his biting tackles, and his fine ball control, he was shaping to be one of the finest half-backs in the history of English football.

Of all the soccer prodigies I have seen rocket to the top, Duncan Edwards had the greatest promise. Players of his calibre come along only once or twice in a lifetime.

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17 Nations Decide To Form European TT Union

Budapest, Mar. 5. Representatives of 17 nations who are here for the European Table Tennis Championships decided today to set up a European Table Tennis Union.

The representatives, under the chairmanship of Jean Belot, also decided to let Yugoslavia stage the next Championships which will be held from April 4 to 11, 1959, in Belgrade.

Sweden put forward her candidacy to stage the Championships in 1962.

The representatives decided to set up after the European Championships ratings of the best table tennis players in Europe, as is done for world standings.

Officials informally voted 14 to 3 to ban the sponge racket.

France-Press.

ASIAN SOCCER

Tel Aviv, Mar. 5. Israel will send a football team to the Asian Games in Tokyo in May, it was learned here today.

Candidates for the team have already begun training for the Games and Israel's prospects are considered good.—United Press.

Ireland's Team Against Wales On March 15

Dublin, Mar. 5. Dr Jack Kyle, who holds the world's record of 40 Rugby Union "caps" was dropped by the Ireland selectors when they announced the team to meet Wales at Lansdowne, Road, Dublin, on March 15.

Kyle will be replaced by Mick English, who is a newcomer to international football.

Paddy Beakery, who played at full back against England and Scotland, is dropped in favour of George Murphy, Beakery's teammate with London Irish.

Murphy has already been capped twice in last appearance being against the New Zealand All-Blacks in 1954. He played against South Africa in 1952.

The scrum-half position has been left vacant, probably to see whether the injured John O'Meara will have recovered in time to take over from Andy Milligan, of Cambridge University.

THE TEAM

The Ireland team is: J. G. Murphy (London), A. J. G. Greilly (Old Belvedere), N. J. Henderson, Captain, (North of Ireland), D. Hewitt (Queen's University, Belfast), A. C. Pedlow (GTYMS), M. English (Limerick, Bohemians), P. J. O'Donoghue (Boctive Rangers), A. R. Dawson (Wanderers), B. G. M. Wood (Garryowen), J. B. Stevenson (Inverness), J. A. Muleahy (University College Dublin), J. A. Donaldson (Collegians), J. R. Kavanagh (Wanderers) and M. J. Murphy (Cork Constitution).—China Mail Special.

Pakistan Olympic Games Open On March 14

Peshawar, Mar. 5. President Iskander Mirza will formally open here on March 14 the six-day Pakistan Olympic Games, with more than 800 athletes from Pakistan, the United States, Thailand and Iran competing. It was announced today.

The Northwest Frontier Olympic Association, which made the announcement, said an Army General would formally open Olympic village at Peshawar stadium on Wednesday, when most of the teams are expected to arrive.

Some 50 women athletes will compete in the Games, association officials told a news conference.—France-Press.

FIRST TO FLY SINCE CRASH

London, Mar. 5. The English First Division Club, Birmingham City, will be the first British soccer team to fly since Manchester United lost eight players, killed in an air crash in Munich last month, it was disclosed today.

The Birmingham City squad will fly to a game in Valencia on March 17 and to championship matches at Portsmouth and Sunderland.—France-Press.

INSEPARABLES

Goalkeeper Geoff Smith and left back George Mulholland have played together for Bradford City over 400 times between them in Cup and League without a break. Smith's total is 201 and Mulholland's aggregate is 225.

NAMESAKES

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?

1. Labour
2. Doctor
3. Gore
4. Goes around
5. Find out
6. Enquiry
7. Tonic
8. In the middle?
9. Study of the body
10. Major blood vessels
11. Metallic ones in ore
12. Learning
13. Doctor's consulting room

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CAN THE WOLVES BE OVERTAKEN?

You Can't Do A Thing If The Team In Front Of You Keeps On Winning

Says TOM FINNEY

Can the Wolves be overtaken in the League Championship struggle? Or will it finish a one-horse race? This season's competition is remarkably similar to last season's. About this time a year ago Spurs, Wolves, Preston North End and Blackpool all fancied their chances of catching up with Manchester United.

Many people hoped United would win the FA and European Cups, as well as the League. But at Preston we kept telling ourselves the strain on them would be too great. None of our thoughts were at all charitable towards Roger Byrne and his lads. We were all hoping for that supposed inevitable slip.

I remember that towards the end of February last season, Blackpool did themselves a really good turn by beating United at Old Trafford. What a shock! It was United's fifth League defeat in about 30 matches.

This was it, we said. They were on the slide at last. But it made no difference. The Busby Boys, as everybody knows, romped in at the finish.

Is the same thing going to happen again this year? Wolves are in a comfortable position at the top. They were able to tackle their FA Cup sixth round task without any real anxiety about the League. United, a year ago, were in the same happy position.

Asking A Lot

At Preston the fans keep asking us, as they did last season, "Can you catch the leaders?" All I can say is that it is asking a lot. These Wolves can certainly play and we all know how many victims they have had already.

They don't give the others a chance. You might have thought there was a possibility of a slip in mid-week, after their last Cup victory. But no, down went Leeds. And Birmingham, who might have been thought a possible long shot for the next match, in view of the Midlands rivalry, went down with a bigger bump.

It is all very well talking about putting on the pressure, but you can't do a thing if the team in front of you keeps on winning, as Wolves are doing. I dare say that since the end of September, Preston have lost even fewer points than Wolves, bearing in mind that we opened with five away defeats. Preston are now only five points behind Wolves, and I suppose most people have forgotten our shocking start. We have done pretty well since on our travels, gaining 10 points from 11 away matches, and losing only one of them.

Looking at the table, I see that no First Division team can claim more points from away games, although besides Preston

there are another three—Wolves, Manchester United and Blackpool—also with 10.

None of them, of course, began by losing the first five matches. At Deepdale, we lost against Wolves and dropped a point when Manchester United were the visitors. But we won the remaining 12 games making 25 points altogether, out of 28. This explains why Preston are runners-up, with a clear lead of three points.

Championship Form

It is Championship form by any reckoning. But we still can't catch up with Wolves. What a cracking pace it is. I have never known anything like it, even though last season's race made United afraid to relax.

I believe Wolves have the same total of points from 30 matches—40—as the champions have from their first 30 last season. But the gap is a little narrower.

The fact remains that Preston are three points better off at this stage than they were a year ago, with 38. And we went on to set up a record total for the club in First Division matches—58. Yet Spurs finished second, on goal average.

Consider how many times 58 points have been more than enough to win the League title, and you will realise what a discouraging task it is trying to catch or overtake great teams like Manchester United last season and Wolves now.

Cannot Do More

The challengers cannot do more than keep at it with the utmost determination to win. That is what Preston are doing, and no doubt it also applies to West Bromwich, Luton, Nottingham Forest, yes, and even United, for they are not finished, in spite of the air crash.

None of these teams can afford to make any slips, and we had this in mind when visiting Luton last Saturday. The Hatters are a tough side who have beaten Wolves, West Bromwich and Burnley at home, and drawn with the champions.

Preston knew they just had to win to keep up with the leaders. It was Luton's misfortune to be without that grand centre-half Syd Owen, who had fibrositis, and this may have made all the difference on that glue-pot field. He doesn't give anyone much room.

But Preston won. (Copyright)

Vic Seixas Embarks On A New Career

New York, Mar. 5. Aging American Davis Cup veteran Vic Seixas said today his Wimbledon and Davis Cup days are finished, although he may compete in a few tournaments on the Atlantic seaboard. Seixas, who is past 30 and still ranked Number One in United States tennis, is here to embark on a new career as a stockbroker. He said he has not lost all hope that the United States may retake the Davis Cup from Australia.

The Aussies no longer monopolize amateur tennis since Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall turned professional, Seixas said. Moreover, Cooper and Anderson are not world-beaters and they can be licked, he added.

Seixas said some European nations might slip in and win the Cup. He said the United States could not hope to regain its past tennis supremacy but should try to arouse interest among the young and hope for a new Jack Kramer or Don Budge.—France-Press.

TKO Win For Peter Keenan

Glasgow, Mar. 5. British and Empire Bantamweight Champion Peter Keenan, of Scotland, scored a tenth round technical knockout over his countryman, Dick Currie, in a scheduled 10-round bout here tonight.

Keenan, in his first bout after several weeks of flu, was ahead on points when the referee stopped the fight a few seconds before the final bell.

Currie was floored only once, for a count of one, by Keenan's first blow, but he was badly shaken several times. Keenan now hopes to meet Italy's Mario D'Amato for the European title.—France-Press.



A South-East Asia Games Meet In Bangkok?

Bangkok, Mar. 5. Thailand has decided to sponsor a South-East Asia Games meeting to be held in Bangkok next December, a member of her Olympic Committee said today.

The Games would include athletics, basketball and football and probably tennis and badminton.

The Olympic Committee member said it was hoped to hold a meeting of top level sports officials from South-East Asian countries soon to discuss the idea.

Thailand hoped the South-East Asian Games could become an annual event, being held each year in different capitals, he said.

The Thai Olympic Committee believed it would help foster good relations and also raise the level of sport in the region.—Reuters.

Hungary Wins European Men's Table Tennis Championship

Budapest, Mar. 5. Hungary won the European men's Table Tennis Championship today when she beat Czechoslovakia by 5 to 2 in the final.

Hungary had won in Pool "B" ahead of Rumania, Britain and the Soviet Union. Czechoslovakia moved into the final by winning Pool "A" ahead of Sweden, Yugoslavia and West Germany.

Sweden finished in a two-way tie with Yugoslavia for second place in Pool "A" after she beat Austria 6-1 today. West Germany shut out Bulgaria 5-0 and placed fourth in the pool.

In Pool "B" the Soviet Union upset Britain 5-2 to place fourth and East Germany shut out Greece 6-0 and placed sixth.

FINAL STANDINGS

Final standings in Pool "A" were:

1. Czechoslovakia 10 points.
2. Sweden 8 points (27 wins each).
3. Yugoslavia 6 points (24 wins, 19 losses).
4. West Germany 6 points, 20 wins.
5. Austria 4 points.
6. Poland 4 points.
7. Bulgaria 0 points.
8. Greece 0 points.—France-Press.

Final standings in Pool "B" were:

1. Hungary 14 points.
2. Rumania 12 points.
3. Britain 8 points (24 wins, 19 losses).
4. Soviet Union 8 points (24 wins, 19 losses).
5. France 8 points (23 wins).
6. East Germany 4 points.
7. Switzerland 2 points.
8. Greece 0 points.—France-Press.

IN THE FAMILY

Centre forward of Southbourne FC in the West Sussex League is 47 year old Ralph Green; at outside right is 18 year old John Green. They are father and son, and when their team beat Midhurst 18-0 recently they scored ten goals between them. The father has been playing for the club for thirty years.

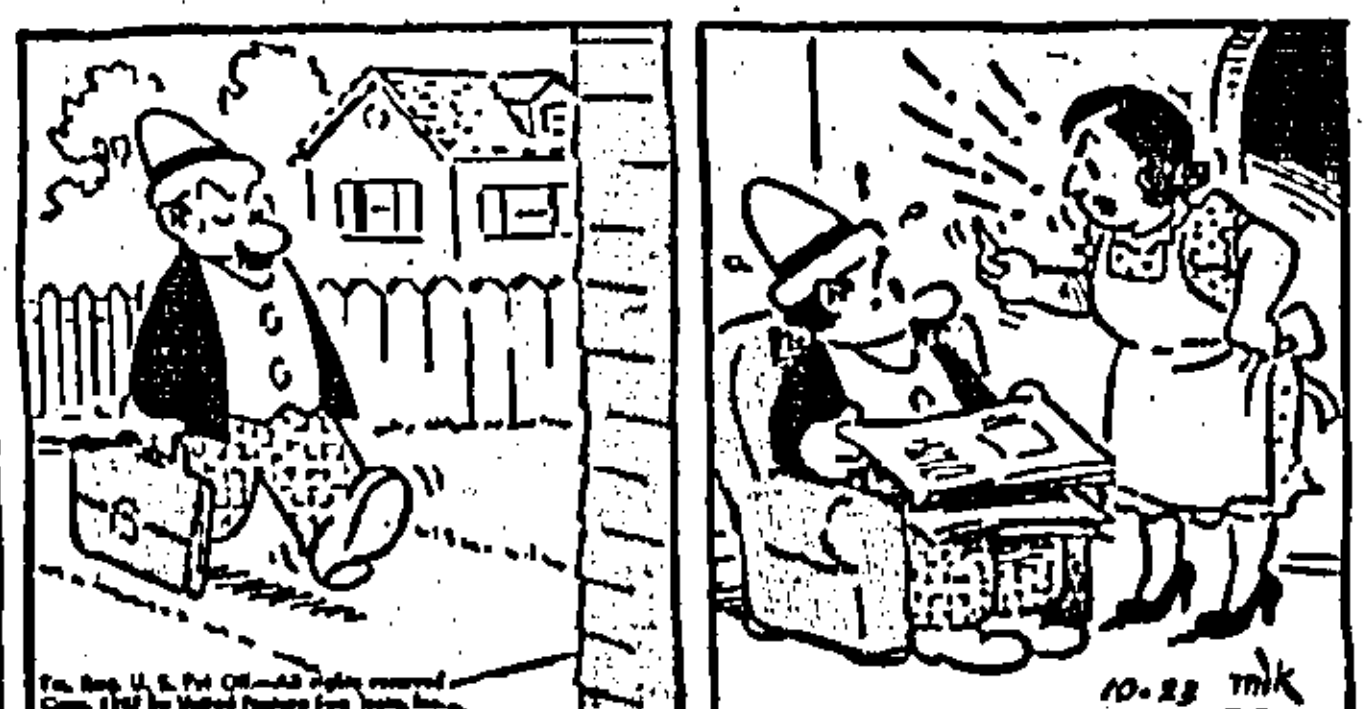
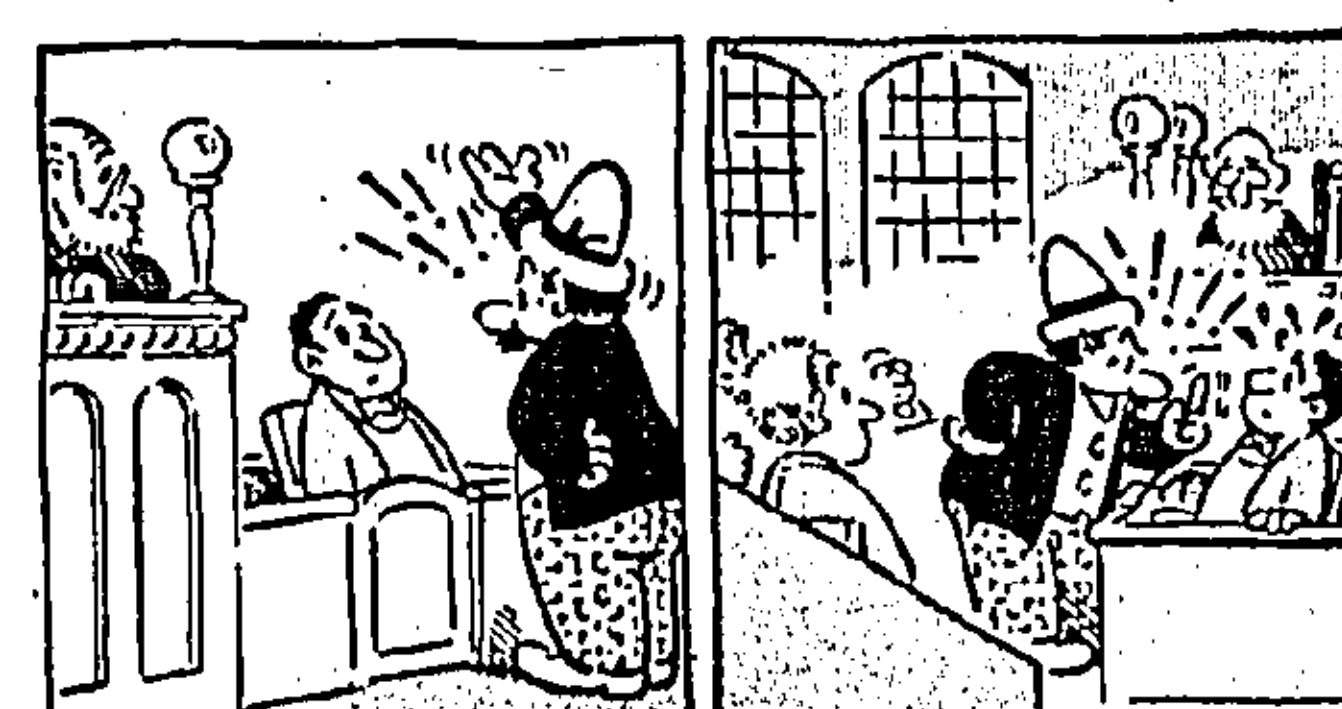
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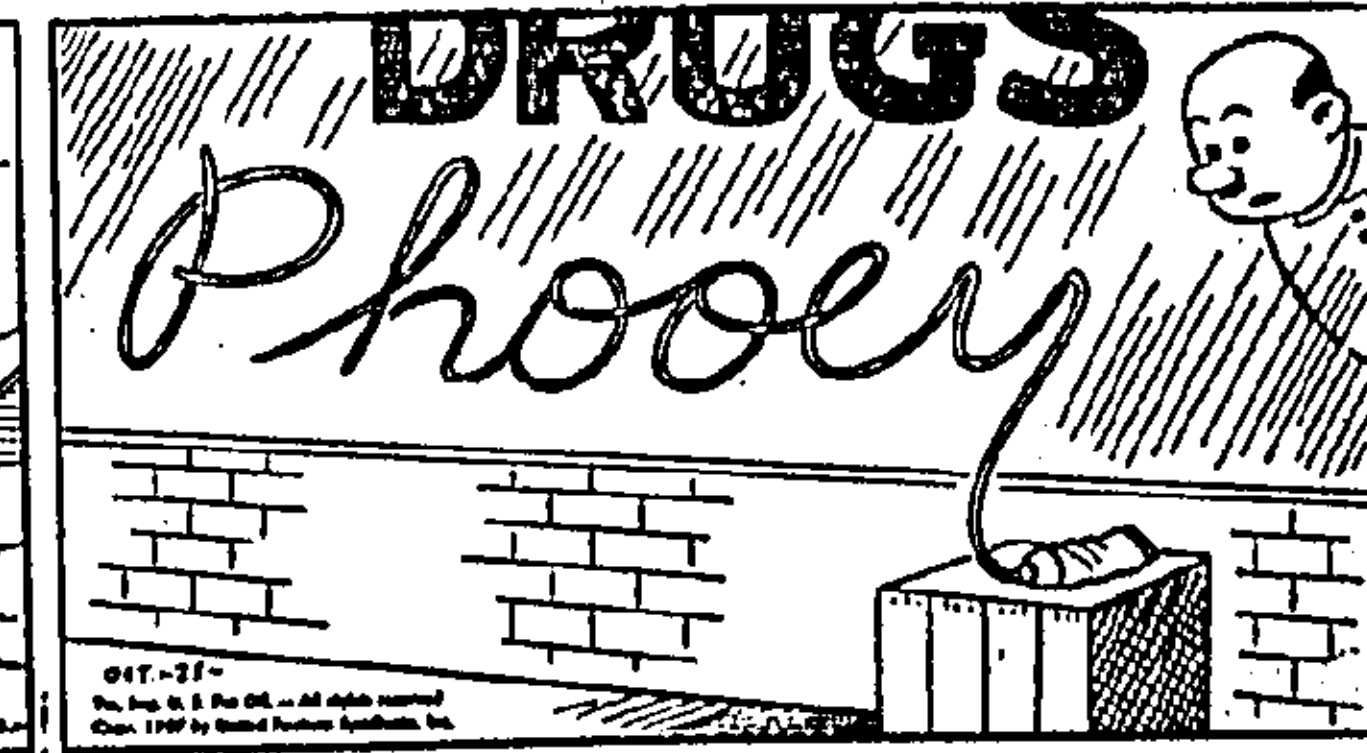
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6 p.m.
By Surface
Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. America,
3 p.m.
Sri Lanka, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7
By Air
Indo-China, Laos, France, 9 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, Korea,
10 a.m.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 1 p.m.
Philippines, Australia, New Zealand,
2 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 9 a.m.
Macau, 1 p.m.
North Borneo, 4 p.m.
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via Fremantle), 5 p.m.
Holland, Germany, (Parcels
via Rotterdam), 5 p.m.
Netherlands (Parcels via
Rotterdam), 5 p.m.
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Sri Lanka, 3 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
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SATURDAY, MARCH 8
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Hol-
low, Kowloon, 9.30 a.m.
Japan, 9 a.m.
Thailand, Malaya, N. Borneo, In-
donesia, Australia, New Zealand,
10 a.m.
Philippines, Noon.
Indo-China, Laos, France, Noon.
China, People's Republic, 9 a.m.
Macau, 1 p.m.
North Borneo, 4 p.m.
Australia, New Zealand, 3 p.m.
Malaya, West Australia, (Parcels
via Fremantle), 5 p.m.
Holland, Germany, (Parcels
via Rotterdam), 5 p.m.
Netherlands (Parcels via
Rotterdam), 5 p.m.
India, Iraq, (P.O. Gulf Ports, Parcels
via Kuwait), 8 p.m.
Sri Lanka, 3 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, 6 p.m.

Israeli Firm Files Suit Against Soviet Company May Make Legal History In USSR

By ARYE WALLENSTEIN

Tel Aviv, March 5.

THE action brought by an Israeli firm against a Soviet state-controlled export corporation may well make legal history in the Soviet Union.

In effect, a Moscow tribunal has been asked to pass judgment on the legality of an administrative act dictated by considerations of foreign policy. The facts in the case are not in dispute.

Early in November 1956, the Soviet official export corporation "Soyuzvetexport", had informed Israeli firms that it could not fulfil its contracts to supply them crude and fuel oil because the Soviet Foreign Trade Ministry had banned oil exports to Israel.

Inspired

The Ministry's ban was explained as inspired by Israel's "aggressive action" against Egypt.

When one of the Israeli firms involved decided to sue the Soviet corporation for breach of contract, the case had to be brought before a Moscow tribunal, since in accordance with a general trend in Soviet foreign trade, the contracts signed in Moscow in 1956 stipulated that all disputes were to be brought before the Soviet "Foreign Trade Arbitration Commission."

In view of some legal opinion, the case presents unique features. For years, the Russians have been preaching the "sanctity" of trade and its independence from political considerations. For years, they have tried to induce foreign firms to conclude their contracts in the Soviet Union and to see that Soviet law applies to every transaction. For years, they have taken pains to build up the reputation of the "Foreign Trade Arbitration Commission" for objectivity and fairness.

Here was the strange case of one arm of the Soviet state, the official Export Corporation, citing the direct orders of another arm of the state, the Ministry of Foreign Trade, as an element of "force majeure"

preventing the fulfilment of its commitments under a valid contract. Moreover, these orders were admitted to have been issued for entirely non-commercial reasons.

Question Is

Thus, the question now to be answered is: can the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Trade, by virtue of its control over the trading corporations in the Soviet Union, escape from contractual obligations by reason of a mere administrative measure, inspired by a purely political motive?

The Moscow tribunal will have to answer this question against a background of repeated Soviet declarations advocating freedom of trade regardless of political systems of traders and denouncing discriminatory trade practices.

On the other hand, it would be an entirely new conception in Soviet legal thinking if an act of the executive power, in this case the Ministry of Foreign Trade, should be declared illegal by a mere arbitration tribunal. Israeli firms hold the view that if the Moscow tribunal should recognise the validity of such a "force majeure" defence, it would in fact mean that foreign firms, especially those of small countries, who conclude business deals with Soviet state corporations in the Soviet Union, would be entirely at the mercy of the Soviet authorities.

Arbitration

Hearings of the case began in Moscow on December 4, last year. As is the custom, the arbitration commission was composed of two members, one chosen by the plaintiff and the defendant from a panel of 16 Soviet jurists, and a chairman nominated by the two

in turn. There is no appeal against the ruling of the commission whose findings are final. Two Israeli counsel, Mr. D. Schlossberg and Mr. Z. Argaman, briefed and assisted the Soviet lawyers who represent the Israeli firm.

The tribunal held only two hearings before the case had to be adjourned because of the illness of the arbitrator nominated by the Israeli firm, Professor Dimitri Florodovitch Ramsayev, who is President of the Foreign Trade Arbitration Commission.

Difference

In terms of money, the Israeli firm, the Jordan Investment Ltd., is claiming damages of US\$2,396,440 (£799,000) this being the difference in price between the agreed cost of 131,000 tons of Soviet fuel oil contracted for 1956 and the actual cost of the oil purchased elsewhere after the Soviet Corporation's refusal to deliver the goods.

This sum, however, represents only a first claim. The quantity of oil in question was the outstanding balance of a total of 650,000 tons contracted for 1956. The tribunal has also been asked to determine the amount of damages due to Jordan Investment Ltd. and to the Israel National Fuel Corporation, Be'er, in respect of Soviet failure to deliver, under the contract, 1,150,000 tons of crude and fuel oil in 1957 and 1958.

The hearing of the case is expected to be requested by Israel's Professor Ramsayev, who is a member of the Soviet Union on the assumption that the proceedings should be conducted easily in February—China Mail Special.

GHOST TOWN BECOMES BOOM TOWN

Melbourne, Mar. 5.

A SETTLEMENT in South Australia, named Iron Baron, is being brought back to life again by the steel industry.

Nestling in a valley of mallee trees, 15 miles inland from the vast Gulf of Spencer, the tiny settlement of Iron Baron had been dormant for 17 years. Deposits there were originally developed as far back as 1933 to provide a special grade of low-manganese ore. But the operations were on a relatively small scale, and they were worked for only some eight years and produced just under 2,000,000 tons of ore before production ceased in 1941.

Bustling

But now, the little mining settlement is bustling into activity again. Thirteen new houses with open verandahs to suit the hot summer climate have been built, and the 14 houses which made up the original settlement have been renovated. All are now provided with electric hot water services and septic tanks and standard equipment.

Shopping and postal facilities have been established by the Broken Hill Proprietary Company limited, which is working the mines. The state school was recently re-opened and the mainstream boasts an all-electric kitchen. The dining room has been designed in modern cafeteria style.

Single men are accommodated in three blocks, with good facilities. The decision to re-open the quarry on modern basis was reached in November 1954, and considerable geological exploration was carried out to determine the extent of the ore deposits.

About 15 miles of an existing motor road, from Whyalla, had to be regraded and a new road 20 miles long had to be cut through the scrub in a direct line to Iron Knob, the neighbouring community to the north. Reconstruction of the existing rail track included five miles

of re-location of track and building of new banks and cuttings. Quarry operations are fully electrified and a 33,000-volt transmission line from the Whyalla power station has been erected to feed the machines with power. Production is expected to increase steadily to a rate of 1,000,000 tons a year.

Mining is carried out by open cut methods and the ore bodies are being developed in a series of 50-foot benches beginning from the top of the hills.

Drilling is carried out by two blast hole drills which can bore holes nine inches in diameter thus permitting the fast loading of explosives. Between 10,000 tons and 20,000 tons of ore is shot down in a single blast.

Two electric shovels then dig the ore and load it into heavy duty trucks for transport to the primary crusher.

Finally

At the primary crushing plant, the ore is dumped into a large pan feeder from which it goes into a crusher. It is eventually reduced to pieces about two and a-half inches in diameter. Finally, it is conveyed to the train loading bins to be hauled to Whyalla in loads of approximately 2,100 tons.

A well-equipped machine shop has been provided to cover the bulk of plant maintenance requirements, although major overhauls of the diesel motor trucks will be carried out in a central workshop at Whyalla.

Water for quarry and domestic use is taken by rail in water tanks from Whyalla, where it is emptied into a 30,000-gallon receiving tank and pumped by two pumps into a 100,000-gallon storage tank for distribution to works and townships—China Mail Special.

From DAVID GORDON



LETTER FROM JAPAN

Tokyo (By Airmail)

SMARTING from loss of "face" because she failed to land a relief wintering team at her Antarctic base on Ongul Island, and had to abandon International Geophysical Year observations there in consequence, Japan seemed determined to regain some prestige by stiffening her attitude in the field of international diplomacy.

She abruptly refused to reopen talks with the Republic of Korea on March 1, as scheduled, "until all Japanese fishermen detained in Korea are repatriated," rebuked Russia for that country's stand in the Russo-Japanese fisheries talks and insisted that controversial conditions should be included in a fourth "unofficial" trade agreement with China.

Broken Down

The refusal to re-open talks with Korea brought relations between the two countries to a new low, just when years of bitter feuding between them appeared likely to end in some form of treaty being negotiated. The main points at issue are the "Rhee Line" an offshore boundary designated by Korea and enclosing an area barred to Japanese fishermen—and the ownership of property in Korea claimed by Japanese companies and individuals who acquired it during Japan's long occupation of Korea.

Talks between the two countries have broken down repeatedly because they have been unable to reach agreement

on these points. The Koreans blame the latest failure on Japanese pressure group of high officials and business men who took a prominent part in the occupation of Korea. Japan charged that Japanese fishermen detained in Korea were not all released by February 14, the date agreed upon in previous negotiations. Even as the talks were broken off, however, some 200 detainees were arriving in Japan. At the end of the week, chances for agreement seemed as remote as ever.

The Japanese delegate, Tsunejiro Hiratsuka, was recalled from Moscow "for consultations" when fisheries negotiations with Russia reached an impasse following Soviet demands that the Okhotsk Sea be "used to Japanese fishermen, in order to conserve fishery resources, which they claimed, were dwindling due to large Japanese catches.

Dragged On

The talks have dragged on for seven weeks with no agreement in sight. Some official sources believe the Russian attitude is designed to embarrass the Kishi Government at a critical stage of its existence, further alienate Japan from the United States and force Japan to include the peace treaty issue in the fisheries talks. The Russian proposals were attacked by the Japan Fisheries Association, an organisation representing the fishing industry, which claimed in a statement that closing of the Sea of Okhotsk would violate the Russo-Japanese fisheries convention, freedom of the high seas and "the spirit of equality and reciprocity."

The controversial conditions insisted upon by Liberal Democratic Party leaders for inclusion in a Japan-China trade agreement included the denial of diplomatic privileges to members of proposed Chinese trade missions to be set up in Japan, and of permission to fly the Chinese national flag over buildings in which the mission would be housed. It was also stipulated that the number of members was to be kept to a minimum, and that any agreement reached by the Japanese trade mission now in Peking would be subject to approval of the Government.

Barter Deal

At the opening of negotiations in Peking, however, the Chinese also were reported to have taken a stiff attitude. But officials of the Japanese trade mission were expected to reach accord with China on the basis of the original agreement draft, which did not include such conditions.

While all this was going on, another group, representing Japanese iron and steel interests, stole the limelight by signing a five-year (1958-1963) barter agreement with China. The agreement, hailed by government and industrial circles, provides for transactions valued at \$100 million in which Japan will supply China with steel products in exchange for coal, iron ore, tungsten, tin and cereals.

It is expected that Japan will export about 150,000 tons of steel products to China this year under the agreement, with an increase to between 400,000 and 500,000 tons next year. Roughly 500,000 tons of steel, 400,000 tons of soybeans, 400,000 tons of coal and 400,000 tons of iron ore are to be imported from China this year.

Sample Fair

Not so bright were results of the Japanese Sample Fair in Singapore, which closed on February 28. Reports said that, although an estimated 200,000 people visited the two-week fair, deals for the sale of goods displayed were negligible. This was partly blamed on the failure to provide means of fully explaining the goods, a common fault of Japanese manufacturers who often produce elaborate samples and other trade literature in "Japanese-English," which is unintelligible gibberish to outsiders.

The Diet continued in session, but the Socialists found time to hold their second national congress since the two factions were re-united. Both Chairman Monbu Suzuki and Secretary-General Iwano Jinnouchi were re-elected unopposed. A slight gain for the left-wing faction resulted when its representation on the 40-member Central Executive Committee was increased from 23 to 25. All three leaders of Shuwa (the General Council of Japan Trade Unions) were elected to the committee. The keynote of the congress was preparation for an anticipated general election which the Kishi Government has been doing its best to stall off.

Shoyo also prepared for the annual spring offensive aimed at

wage increases for members. The offensive is expected to reach its climax in the last two days of this month, and to be spearheaded by private railway workers and coal miners. However, the first clash occurred when police moved to break up a demonstration by some 200 members of the Telecommunications Workers Union who staged a sit-down strike in front of the Postal Service Bureau building in Tokyo.

The police also clashed with an estimated 250 members of the National Federation of Student Self-Government Associations (Zenkyo Gakko) following a rally in Tokyo held by the students to protest against atomic bombs. The rally marked the fourth anniversary of the American H-bomb tests at Bikini Atoll during which the Japanese fishing vessel Lucky Dragon was dusted with lethal fallout.

There was no official protest from any quarter, however, against the Russian nuclear tests in which several H-bombs in the multi-megaton range were detected to have been exploded in quick succession.

But another rap on the knuckles was given Russia by the Government in its reply to Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Bulganin's letter of December 26. The Foreign Office disclosed that Japan's reply bluntly criticised "Russia's improper occupation of Japanese territory since 1945," and urged Bulganin to stop criticising NATO and to say hello to Western nations on conditions in Russian satellite countries.

Goodwill

The appointment of Foreign Vice-Minister Katsumi Ohno as ambassador to Britain was seen as the beginning of a large-scale re-buff of diplomatic posts, designed to let "fresh air" into the diplomatic service by selecting new ambassadors and ministers from business, cultural and other circles. The move was said to be being strongly urged by Foreign Minister Ichiro Fujiyama, himself a business leader, and is believed to be tied in with the stronger tone of Japanese diplomacy. Goodwill with other countries continued to be fostered through

Hollywood Is Turning To The Orient

By VERNON SCOTT

MOVIES are going Asiatic like a shipwrecked sailor. In the past year about 10 pictures have been filmed in the Orient, most of them co-starring a dashing Hollywood hero with a fragile Eastern heroine.

The trend began three years ago with "Love Is A Many Splendored Thing" when William Holden wooed Jennifer Jones, who was made up to look like a lotus blossom. Since then genuine Japanese actresses have been giving movie-goers the tongue-twisting twitches.

Michi Kishi starred in "Deline Tokyo," followed by a double header, Miyoshi Umeki and Miko Taka in "Sayonara." There were others in "Hong-Kong Incident," "South Pacific," "Stopover Tokyo," and "Bridge on the River Kwai."

Another

Now comes Elko Ando, a delicate Japanese beauty who plays patsy to John Wayne in "The Barbarians." Transplanted from Tokyo to Hollywood, Elko was found in the office of 20th Century-Fox Producer Eugene Frank, attempting to improve her English pronunciation.

Both Frank and Elko played it straight. "Now say 'it' like 'vry,' but slower and from sea bottom of sea hot!" said Frank in a Russian accent thicker than Borscht.

Elko bowed her head gracefully and read a line, speaking far more clearly than her instructor. She was embarrassed when Frank showered her with effusive praise. "So, you are improving! all see this," he said. It was then explained that Elko was to be interviewed and that she should answer all questions freely.

sport with the despatch of a girl's basketball team to Manila and the arrival of the New Zealand All Blacks rugby team. After demonstrating their famous war cry, the All Blacks began a series of games with Japanese university sides, and at the time of writing had won all matches played.

A lot more goodwill is expected to result from the theatrical Australian tour of the "Nichigoki Dancing Team" which includes about 60 girls. The performers are booked to appear in Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide and Melbourne and are scheduled to leave Tokyo by air on March 7.

Distinction

In addition to the distinction of leading the world in traffic deaths, Japan also ranks high when it comes to fires. According to a White Paper issued by the National Fire Defence Headquarters, property worth ¥70 million was reduced to ashes every 24 hours during the whole of last year. Fires averaged 94 daily. This year, 5,670 fires were reported up to February 26, including 12 theatre fires.

The effect of so many blazes on the reaction of firemen was taken advantage of by an enterprising burglar in a Kyushu town. In the middle of the night, he telephoned the fire station and sent all hands rushing off on a false alarm to an experimental farm six kilometers away. When the angry firemen returned to the station, they found that a portable office safe containing a ¥120,000 payroll had vanished.

Amid increasing charges that police are reverting to their pre-war brutality, one district police chief in Tokyo has recommended that an ambulance be sent to the police station. Claiming that there is growing drunkenness in Shinjuku, an area in downtown Tokyo noted for its hundreds of drinking establishments, he suggested that police be provided with pick-up trucks to remove drunkards and whisk them off to a designated hospital. The "patients" would be confined in the hospital until they sobered up. He said that the police would hand them a bill for "medical expenses."

Was Miss Ando sure Japanese? "She is Mongolian, Tartar, Japanese and Russian," Frank answered before Elko could reply. "But both her parents are Japanese," he boomed.

Was Miss Ando's beauty typical of other Japanese girls? "Women in Japan are more beautiful than anywhere else in the world," the producer said with authority. "Zoon Western Women dress like Japanese—pleasant and elegant." The phrase pleased Frank. He repeated it. "Pleasant and elegant."

Elko was asked if she was anxious to become a movie star. "No," said Frank, smothering his twinkling hair. "When I was met Elko I was not impressed. But John Huston like her right away. Then I was impressed also."

What about the United States? Did Elko like this country? "Of course," Frank smiled. "She likes everything about it."

Agreement

Elko nodded agreement with each of Frank's pronouncements. She even managed a few sentences about Japan's post-war growth, its modern buildings and how kind Americans have been during her two-week stay here.

"Mr. Frank has helped me most of all," Elko concluded. "To me he is Mr. 20th Century-Fox."

"A tribute," Frank boomed. "Put in the notes 'val a sweet girl who is,' he said—United Press.

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WHAT'S ON TONIGHT

KING'S & PRINCESS: "And God Created Woman." Brigitte Bardot in a French picture of a woman indiscriminately seeking a bed-mate.

STAR & METROPOLE: "Gulliver's Travels." A full length cartoon.

LEE & ASTOR: "The One That Got Away." Hardy Kruger as the only German POW to escape.

ROXY & BROADWAY: "Peyton Place." Lana Turner and Hope Lange in a strong small town drama.

HOOVER & LIBERTY: "The Pride And The Passion." Cary Grant, Frank Sinatra and Sophia Loren in a technicolor drama.

QUEEN'S: "Black Narcissus." A re-issue.

ALHAMBRA: "One Night At Moulin Rouge." A French musical.

ORIENTAL & MAJESTIC: "The Enemy Below." Robert Mitchum and Curt Jurgens in a duel to the death at sea.

CAPITOL: "Omar Khayyam." Cornel Wilde and Michael Rennie in Hollywood's version of the life of a great poet.

RITZ: "Enemy From Space." Brian Donlevy in a science fiction film.

Audio And Visual Entertainment

RADIO HONGKONG

5.30 p.m. Thursday Club—Introduced by Robert Ascherson: 6. Time Signal, Portuguese Half Hour, 6.30. Record Round About, 6.45. Western Report, 7. Time Signal, The News, 7.15. Anniversary, 7.30. The Hong Kong Budget—Presented by the Governor, Sir Robert Black K.C.M.G. recorded in the Legislative Council Chamber, followed by an explanatory talk on the Budget by the Financial Secretary The Hon. A. G. Clarke, C.M.G., 7.45. Quiet Listening, No. 8 with Victor Chester. The organ, A. Life of Sam written by Geoffrey Hastings, 8.30. Opera and Ballet—Excerpts from the opera repertoire of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, introduced by Alec Robertson, 8.35. Western Report, 9. Time Signal, The News and Home News from London, 9.15. Record Round About, 9.30. Chinese News, 10.15. Soft Lights and Sweet Music, 11.30. Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

9 p.m. Romantic Cycle—Selections from "The Sound of Music" of the Motion Picture "The Sound of Music" featuring the original cast, including Julie Andrews, 9.15. The Sound of Music, 9.30. The Sound of Music, 9.45. The Sound of Music, 10.00. The Sound of Music, 10.15. The Sound of Music, 10.30. The Sound of Music, 10.45. The Sound of Music, 11.00. The Sound of Music, 11.15. The Sound of Music, 11.30. The Sound of Music, 11.45. The Sound of Music, 12.00. The Sound of Music, 12.15. The Sound of Music, 12.30. The Sound of Music, 12.45. The Sound of Music, 1.00. The Sound of Music, 1.15. The Sound of Music, 1.30. The Sound of Music, 1.45. The Sound of Music, 2.00. The Sound of Music, 2.15. The Sound of Music, 2.30. The Sound of Music, 2.45. The Sound of Music, 3.00. The Sound of Music, 3.15. The Sound of Music, 3.30. The Sound of Music, 3.45. The Sound of Music, 4.00. The Sound of Music, 4.15. The Sound of Music, 4.30. The Sound of Music, 4.45. The Sound of Music, 5.00. The Sound of Music, 5.15. The Sound of Music, 5.30. The Sound of Music, 5.45. The Sound of Music, 6.00. The Sound of Music, 6.15. The Sound of Music, 6.30. The Sound of Music, 6.45. The Sound of Music, 7.00. The Sound of Music, 7.15. The Sound of Music, 7.30. The Sound of Music, 7.45. The Sound of Music, 8.00. The Sound of Music, 8.15. The Sound of Music, 8.30. The Sound of Music, 8.45. The Sound of Music, 9.00. The Sound of Music, 9.15. The Sound of Music, 9.30. The Sound of Music, 9.45. The Sound of Music, 10.00. The Sound of Music, 10.15. The Sound of Music, 10.30. The Sound of Music, 10.45. The Sound of Music, 11.00. The Sound of Music, 11.15. The Sound of Music, 11.30. The Sound of Music, 11.45. The Sound of Music, 12.00. The Sound of Music, 12.15. The Sound of Music, 12.30. The Sound of Music, 12.45. The Sound of Music, 1.00. The Sound of Music, 1.15. The Sound of Music, 1.30. The Sound of Music, 1.45. The Sound of Music, 2.00. The Sound of Music, 2.15. The Sound of Music, 2.30. The Sound of Music, 2.45. The Sound of Music, 3.00. The Sound of Music, 3.15. The Sound of Music, 3.30. The Sound of Music, 3.45. The Sound of Music, 4.00. The Sound of Music, 4.15. The Sound of Music, 4.30. The Sound of Music, 4.45. The Sound of Music, 5.00. The Sound of Music, 5.15. The Sound of Music, 5.30. The Sound of Music, 5.45. The Sound of Music, 6.00. The Sound of Music, 6.15. The Sound of Music, 6.30. The Sound of Music, 6.45. The Sound of Music, 7.00. The Sound of Music, 7.15. The Sound of Music, 7.30. The Sound of Music, 7.45. The Sound of Music, 8.00. The Sound of Music, 8.15. The Sound of Music, 8.30. The Sound of Music, 8.45. The Sound of Music, 9.00. The Sound of Music, 9.15. The Sound of Music, 9.30. The Sound of Music, 9.45. The Sound of Music, 10.00. The Sound of Music, 10.15. The Sound of Music, 10.30. The Sound of Music, 10.45. The Sound of Music, 11.00. The Sound of Music, 11.15. The Sound of Music, 11.30. The Sound of Music, 11.45. The Sound of Music, 12.00. The Sound of Music, 12.15. The Sound of Music, 12.30. The Sound of Music, 12.45. The Sound of Music, 1.00. The Sound of Music, 1.15. The Sound of Music, 1.30. The Sound of Music, 1.45. The Sound of Music, 2.00. The Sound of Music, 2.15. The Sound of Music, 2.30. The Sound of Music, 2.45. The Sound of Music, 3.00. The Sound of Music, 3.15. The Sound of Music, 3.30. The Sound of Music, 3.45. The Sound of Music, 4.00. The Sound of Music, 4.15. The Sound of Music, 4.30. The Sound of Music, 4.45. The Sound of Music, 5.00. The Sound of Music, 5.15. The Sound of Music, 5.30. The Sound of Music, 5.45. The Sound of Music, 6.00. The Sound of Music, 6.15. The Sound of Music, 6.30. The Sound of Music, 6.45. The Sound of Music, 7.00. The Sound of Music, 7.15. The Sound of Music, 7.30. The Sound of Music, 7.45. The Sound of Music, 8.00. The Sound of Music, 8.15. The Sound of Music, 8.30. The Sound of Music, 8.45. The Sound of Music, 9.00. The Sound of Music, 9.15. The Sound of Music, 9.30. The Sound of Music, 9.45. The Sound of Music, 10.00. The Sound of Music, 10.15. The Sound of Music, 10.30. The Sound of Music, 10.45. The Sound of Music, 11.00. The Sound of Music, 11.15. The Sound of Music, 11.30. The Sound of Music, 11.45. The Sound of Music, 12.00. The Sound of Music, 12.15. The Sound of Music, 12.3

SHIPPING

A SLUMP IN SHIPPING

London. The world's merchant shipping fleet is growing more quickly than the demand for shipping space.

The latest figures show that total shipping tonnage—110.2 million tons—is expanding by about 4.5 per cent a year.

Allowing for the scrapping of obsolete vessels, this rate of growth would normally be just enough to cover the expansion in world trade expected to develop over the next decade.

But world trade is currently contracting. It is doing so at a rate estimated to be about 4 per cent a year and many of the ships now being delivered are starting their lives during a world slump in freight rates.

Over 4.5 million tons of shipping—4 per cent of the total fleet—are now laid up in ports all over the world. In Britain alone, 800 vessels totalling 675,026 gross tons were laid up at the end of January. In Norway, 83 ships, totalling 570,026 tons, are laid up.

Some of the ships being delivered now are going directly from the builders' yards into lay-uping berths. Orders for new ships have fallen very sharply, some leading yards have not had a new order for over six months.

Some earlier orders have been cancelled but the tonnage involved is small. Cancellation is expensive, costing 10 per cent or more of the value of the vessels ordered.

World figures for cancellations are not available but in Britain orders for 15 ships, totalling 100,000 tons, were cancelled last year. This is about 1.5 per cent of the tonnage on order at British yards—812 ships aggregating 6.6 million tons.

PLUNGE

Ships' values have plunged. For example, a 11,000 ton dry-cargo ship, originally priced at £1,105,000, now fetches only £500,000 less. The fall in new ship prices is reflected in the second-hand market. Early this year, a 10,920 ton vessel built in 1944 changed hands at £1,930,000. This compares with £2,250,000 paid a few months earlier for a 10,705 ton ship of the same age.

Shipowners, in consequence, must allow higher depreciation allowances for their new vessels; this is in addition to the high initial costs of buying a new ship and, in many countries, the expensive interest on capital charges involved in financing purchases.

Owners doubt if new ships—cheaper to operate and maintain than war-built vessels—will be able to earn enough profits to cover these costs even if full cargoes are readily available.

Full cargoes are not usually available now, and there is no immediate prospect of any change in the position. Rates in the freight markets are at their lowest for many years. In some lines, they are at the lowest of the 1930's, and in at least one line they are at their lowest ever.

A "key" rate in the dry-cargo tramp shipping freight market is that for the carriage of coal across the Atlantic. The rate is down to 23/6 a ton—a level at which even the most modern bulk carriers can do little more than cover their operating costs.

Below Level. For Liberty ships built during the war the rate is 10/6 a ton below the level they need to cover costs in the transatlantic coal run.

A moderate increase in demand for shipping space would do little to improve these rates since the big reserve of laid-up dry-cargo ships—2,649,000 tons at the beginning of February—would dampen the effects.

Shippers say that only a really big revival in either the coal or grain trades could produce a sizeable and lasting recovery in the dry-cargo freight market.

With the winter half over and stocks of coal and grain high in Europe, the possibilities of such a revival are negligible.

Over 3 million tons of oil tankers are laid up, and owners see no signs of any recovery in the demand for oil carriage. Single-voyage freight rates have been unprofitable for even the most modern tankers for some months.

Rates in one of the most important tanker routes are at the lowest recorded. This is the passage of oil from the Persian Gulf to Britain and Europe, through the Suez Canal. At the height of the Suez crisis (December, 1956) the rate (for a voyage round the Cape) rocketed to over £10 per ton.

Last summer (with the Canal open again) it was down to 47 shillings and the latest figure is 30/- a ton. Even a super-tanker of 30,000 tons, with its high speed and low operating costs, at least 20/6d a ton on this route to make a profit.

The Organisation for European Economic Co-operation in a report published last year predicted that world demand for oil would expand by 7 per cent a year over the next few years. But this prediction has proved to be over-optimistic, at least for 1957-58.

The demand for oil has grown at a much slower rate than expected and United States shippers predict that 10 per cent of the available tanker tonnage—31 million tons—will be unemployed this year. If this is correct, at least another 500,000 tons of tankers will be laid up during this year.

Since that proportion has been exceeded already, the tanker tonnage laid up is likely to be well above 10 per cent this year.

American shippers said that, allowing for further expansion in tanker building—10 million tons are on order—the surplus will be 15 per cent in 1959 and 15.5 per cent in 1960.

DESTROYER FOR PAKISTAN NAVY

London, Mar. 5. The destroyer, HMS Crispin will be handed over to the Pakistan Navy at a ceremony at Southampton on Tuesday, March 18.

It will afterwards be renamed PNS Jahanqir by Mr Mohammed Iqbalullah. The letter is to accept the ship on behalf of the Government.

Guards mounted by ratings from the Royal Naval Barracks, Portsmouth, and the Pakistan Navy will be inspected by the Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth (Admiral Sir Guy Grantham, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.), respectively on their arrival.

HMS Crispin, one of the first all-welded destroyers to be built for the Royal Navy, has been built and modernised at the Southampton repair yards of Messrs John I. Thornycroft and Co., Ltd.

COMMISSION

Since commissioning in 1946, she has operated from London-derry with the third anti-submarine training squadron and taken part in a number of Home Fleet cruises.

She has a full load displacement of some 2,500 tons and an overall length of 362 feet and draught of some 10 feet.

An announcement concerning her sale and also that of three other destroyers and the cruiser Diadem to Pakistan was made by the Admiralty in February.

JAPANESE SHIP FROM S. POLE

Capetown, Mar. 5. The Japanese ship Soya Maru was expected to arrive here Friday from the Antarctic, where it underwent weeks of punishment in the Polar ice packs.

The exact time of the ship's arrival was not yet known here. There was possibility that it would have to be put in drydock for repair of damages to the hull.

The Japanese team of scientists that spent one year in the Antarctic is aboard the Soya Maru.

They will proceed by plane from Capetown to Tokyo, although no date has been set for their departure.

Japanese Vice Consul Itoh is to arrive from Pretoria Thursday evening to welcome the expedition. Consul-General Futamata will come from Pretoria on Saturday—United Press.

PAKISTAN'S FIRST DRYDOCK

Karachi, Mar. 5. President Iskander Mirza today officially dedicated Pakistan's first drydock, a 600-by-80-foot facility which will accommodate liberty ships, cargo tankers, small passenger ships and navy vessels up to cruiser size.

The drydock, first of its kind in this region, was built by the Pakistan Industrial Development Corporation at an estimated cost of more than US\$3,000,000—United Press.

The New York Stock Market

New York, Mar. 5. Stocks advanced for the fourth straight session today, although prices receded from their highs near the close. Oils, aircrafts, metals and specialties led the advances with gains running to more than a point.

The market was buoyed by the announcement that a new satellite-carrying Jupiter-C missile had been successfully launched. Chrysler, prime contractor on the Jupiter-C, was up close to a point.

Alcoa was strong in the aluminum group. Some of the steel makers rallied were firm with a few exceptions.

New York Shipbuilding, which announced plans to boost its work force by 50 per cent this year, jumped more than a point.

Federated department stores firmed on a dividend increase. International Telephone rose more than 1 on a prediction 1958 would be a record year for the company.

Of a total 1,120 issues traded, 533 were higher, 322 lower.

American Stock Exchange volume was 520,000 shares.

New York Stock Exchange volume was 2,020,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 Industrials 440.50

20 RAIL 108.62

65 Stocks 151.20

40 Bonds 99.80

Comm. Future price index 150.00

Closing Prices

Alden Inc. Adv. 17 1/2

Allied Chemicals 21 1/2

Am. Can. Co. 32 1/2

Am. Cable & Radio Corp. 17 1/2

American Cyanamid Co. 4 1/2

Am. Gas & Electric 41 1/2

Am. Mach. & Tool Co. 38 1/2

Am. Metal Works 19 1/2

Am. Smelting 30 1/2

Am. Sugar 17 1/2

American Tel. & Tel. 170 1/2

Am. Wire & Cable 40 1/2

Armco Steel 42 1/2

Atlas Copco 13 1/2

Atlas Corp. Mining 11 1/2

Baltimore & Ohio 24 1/2

Beneficial Finance 21 1/2

Beneficial Aviation Corp. 21 1/2

Bentley Corp. 21 1/2

Bethlehem Steel 30 1/2

Boston Edison 36 1/2

Borden (Tide) Co. 20 1/2

Burgess & Niles 30 1/2

Campbell Soup 37 1/2

Canadian Pacific Ry. 24 1/2

Coe (J. I.) Co. 19 1/2

Col. Fract. 13 1/2

Celanese Corp. 13 1/2

Chas. E. Fernald Corp. 50 1/2

Chrysler Motors 40 1/2

Cincinnati Engrg. 40 1/2

Colgate-Palmolive Co. 34 1/2

Colombian Carbon Co. 34 1/2

Commercial Union 20 1/2

Commonwealth Ed. 20 1/2

Consolidated Edison 40 1/2

SINGAPORE RUBBER MARKET

Singapore, Mar. 5. The market opened around the previous levels and it ruled quiet with very little change in values. There was better enquiry for lower grades and fair quantities changed hands.

Factory buying was small.

Futures:

No. 1 rubber per lb. Mar. 70 1/2-70 3/4

No. 2 rubber per lb. Mar. 70 1/2-70 3/4

No. 3 rubber per lb. Mar. 69 1/2-70

No. 4 rubber per lb. Mar. 69 1/2-70

Spot rubber unbleached 70 1/2-70 3/4

Blanket April and May 70 1/2-70 3/4

No. 1 pale crepe 70 1/2-70 3/4

Thick Mar. 23

Thin Mar. 23

AMSTERDAM

The rubber market was steady.

Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, cif March as follows:

No. 1 rubber 217.00

No. 2 rubber 210.00

No. 3 rubber 200.00

No. 1 crepe 230 buyers

Note: New York rubber prices were unavailable today—United Press.

NEW YORK

Cotton futures today aggressively resumed the advance, moving up more than \$2.50 a bale to lift most new crop months to seasonal highs.

The March, 1958, contract crowded close to the 30 1/2 cent line before the market ran into stiffening resistance.

The market opened up 3 to 25 points, New Orleans closed up to 21 points.

Urgent covering, plus a trade and commission house demand, reflected dimming chances for any increase in the allotment this year and farm bloc opposition to any administration plans to lower price supports.

Trading was not particularly active on the rise. Technicians said the upswing was furthered because of seller weakness in cereals.

Old crop months shared in the rise, despite the gloomy news from the textile market deepened today by the dress-makers' strike and the resultant request from converters to defer deliveries on apparel fabrics.

Two delivery notices were issued against the March contract today. Open March contracts totalled 29,100 bales. The certificated stock remained at 22,745 bales.

Cotton exporters so far this season totalled 3,100,036 bales vs. 4,605,462 bales shipped for the corresponding period last year.

Month Volume Open Interest

Mar. 1,900 29,100

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$130,000. Noon quotations and the morning's quotations were:

Shares Buyers Sellers Sales

HANKS

Bank Xd 300 1/2 70

East Asia Xd 50 1/2 62 1/2

INSURANCES

Union 0.20 0.25 500 1/2 0.25

SHIPPING

Wheelock 0.20 0.25 500 1/2 0.25

DOCKS, ETC.

Tel. Xd 12 1/2

Dock Wharf 64.50 65

President 12.50

President 11.60

LAND, ETC.

HK Land 33.50 33.75 200 1/2 33 1/2

HK Hotel 50 1/2 51 1/2

HK Hotel 50 1/2 51 1/2

Humphreys 14.50 15.20

Utilities

Trans Xd 22.50

C. Light 17.50 17.60 500 1/2 17.50

Electric Xd 20.60 20.80 50 1/2 20.50

INDUSTRIALS

Metals, Etc. 400 1/2 1

Metals, Etc. 17 1/2

Dairy 17 1/2

Wool 15.20 15.50 1000 1/2 15.20

L. Crow 15.20 15.50 1000 1/2 15.20

COTTONS

Textile 4.50 4.65

Yarn 5.50 5.60 500 1/2 5.15

INVESTMENTS

Yankee 3.50 3.55 2000 1/2 3.53

Allied

CHARTERED BANK FINAL DIVIDEND

The Chartered Bank announced that at the Annual General Meeting of stockholders to be held on April 2, 1958, the Directors will recommend a final dividend of 7 1/2 per cent actual, subject to Income Tax, making a total of 15 per cent for the year 1957.

In the consolidated accounts of The Chartered Bank and its subsidiaries the following amounts have been made:

Pension Fund £125,000, Widows and Orphans Fund £20,000, Written-off Bank Premises £250,000, Contingencies £220,000; leaving £438,458 to be carried forward. Net Profit for the year 1957 is £2,100,890 compared with £2,804,641 in 1956.

BANK DIVIDEND

The Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., announced this morning that its board of directors have recommended payment of a final dividend of 6 1/2 per cent income tax on the increased capital.

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:

Spot, 30.00; Mar. 33.31; May: 33.30; July: 34.33; Oct. 35.15; Dec. 35.14; Mar. 35.24; May: 35.15; July: 35.24.

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:

Spot, 34.65; Mar. 35.40; May: 35.43; July: 36.21; Oct. 36.14; Dec. 35.11; Mar. 35.24; May: 35.15; July: 35.24.

LIVERPOOL

Cotton future closings, in pence per lb. were as follows:

Old crop: Mar/Apr: 24.00; May: 24.00; July/Aug: 25.34; Oct/Nov: 25.00; Dec/Jan: 25.09; Mar/Apr: 25.70; May/June: 25.70; July/Aug: 25.70; Oct/Nov: 25.70; Dec/Jan: 25.70; Mar/Apr: 27.00.

SAO PAULO

Cotton future closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

Rubber Consumption Expected To Rise

Akron, Ohio, Mar. 5. Consumption of new rubber, both natural and synthetic, in the US is expected to reach 1,635,000 long tons by 1960—an increase of 151 per cent in the 20 years since man-made rubber came into general use—according to the annual report of the Goodyear Tyre and Rubber Company.

This estimate compares with U.S. requirements of 652,000 tons in 1940, when 99 per cent of the total was natural rubber, and with 1957 consumption of 1,469,000, three-fifths of which was synthetic rubber.

"The rubber industry in general and Goodyear in particular are taking steps to assure an adequate supply of rubber to meet this increasing demand," the report reveals.

Goodyear's synthetic plants at Houston, Texas and Akron, Ohio were expanded by 50 per cent during 1957, providing a total production capacity of 247,500 tons annually, the largest in the industry.

LARGEST

The Houston plant alone, according to the report, has become the largest facility of its kind in the world, employs 700 and has a production capacity of 220,000 tons of rubber annually.

To grow an equivalent amount of natural rubber would require a plantation of 328,000 acres planted with 36 million rubber trees. To bring such a plantation into production would take the services of 65,000 workers and a capital investment of \$164,000,000.

Although the synthetic rubber industry under private management has added 500,000 tons of additional capacity in less than 10 months, the steadily increasing worldwide demand for rubber and rubber products indicates that early in the next decade there will be a shortage of natural rubber, says the report.

PROBLEM

Goodyear's programme for meeting this problem is the synthesis of styrene rubber—a man-made polymer, essentially identical to tree rubber. A pilot plant was recently completed to provide engineering data for the design of a commercial plant.

To increase the quantity and quality of natural rubber, replanting and new planting programmes are under way at the company's plantations in Sumatra, the Philippines, Central and South America.

The Goodyear report discloses that the company last year spent \$82,947,000 on plant expansion and improvements.

In addition to a \$10 million enlargement of the Houston synthetic plant, major projects included construction of a fully automatic tyre curing plant at Los Angeles, California; a new tread rubber plant in Chetumal, Washington and completion of new tyre plants in Colombia, Venezuela, the Philippines and Scotland—China Mail Special.

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GEORGE KENT & CO., LTD.
WATER METERS, STEAM METERS,
OIL METERS, GAS METERS,
CONTROLLERS, & RECORDERS.
ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT CO., LTD.
H.K. & Shanghai Bank Bldg. Tel. 27789

CHINA MAIL

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Sheaffer's
NEW BALLPOINT
STERLING SILVER TIP

PI APPEALS FOR SEATO AID

Economic Assistance Needed In Asia

By ARNOLD DIBBLE

Manila, Mar. 6.

The Foreign Minister of the Philippines opened the fourth annual review conference of Seato today with a thinly-voiced appeal for more economic help for Southeast Asia.

IRAQ OFFERS JORDAN FUEL

Amman, Mar. 5. Iraq today informed Jordan that she was prepared to meet all Jordan's fuel requirements within two hours of receiving a request from Jordan.

The offer was contained in a cable from Iraq Foreign Minister, Bakhayan, to the Jordanian Deputy Premier of Jordan, where fuel supplies are critical, following the Syrian ban on oil supplies to Jordan.

Iraqi Minister of Economics, Dr. Dhia Jafar, said in Baghdad that Iraq was only awaiting means of transport before shipping urgent oil supplies to Jordan.

Jordan's immediate needs, he said, were motor spirit, kerosene, gas oil and fuel oil. Jordan Finance Ministry Under Secretary, Mohamed Quraan, meanwhile, told the press that the Jordan-Syrian dispute had arisen because there was no provision in the 1953 transit agreement between the two countries for the transport of goods through one or the other country to a neighbouring state.

PREVENTED

Syria prevented Jordan from trucking goods through Syria territory from Lebanon to Saudi Arabia, although Jordan granted this right to Syria, said Quraan.

Jordan customs recently informed Syria that as of March 2, Jordan would impose a similar ban on Syrian trucks plying through Jordan territory, and actually stopped a Syrian truck bound for Saudi Arabia on Monday.

Syria had retaliated by preventing Jordan trucks bringing goods, including fuel products, from Lebanon, said Quraan.—France-Press.

Hamarskjold Intends To Visit Near East

United Nations, Mar. 5. The United Nations Secretary-General, Dag Hamarskjold, intends to visit Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and perhaps Iran after his scheduled visit to Moscow, informed sources said today.

Hamarskjold, who is to arrive in Moscow on March 10, will return by way of London, where he is expected on March 31, the sources said.

Official circles said nothing had yet been decided, and that Hamarskjold's plans were subject to change from one moment to the next.

ON THE SPOT

Hamarskjold, it is reported, wants to make an on-the-spot study of Iraq's attitude toward Israel, now that Iraq is federated with Jordan.

Jordan has signed an armistice with Israel but Iraq has not. Hamarskjold also wants to talk with King Saud of Saudi Arabia about the 3,000 Saudi Arabian soldiers still in Jordanian territory. The soldiers were called in by King Hussein when Egypt adopted a threatening attitude toward Jordan.—France-Press.

COSTA RICAN PLAN OPPOSED

Washington, Mar. 5.

Mexico today opposed a Costa Rican disarmament plan on the grounds that it would threaten the sovereignty of the Latin American nations and conflict with United Nations disarmament efforts.

Discussions of the issue took place in the Council of the Organisation of American States. The Mexican Ambassador, Luis Quintanilla, told the Council that disarmament is a universal problem that cannot be treated on a regional basis. A Costa Rican proposal offered by Gonzalo Fiala calls on Latin America to limit conventional weapons and devote more money to economic and social projects.

PREPARED TEXT

Senator Quintanilla charged in a prepared text that the Costa Rican proposal had not been adequately studied and that a debate could only be "premature and erratic."

He suggested that the Costa Rican Foreign Ministry should have sounded out the other Latin American countries first before offering the proposal to the Council.

He made it clear that his government was opposed to any armament restrictions on Latin America that excluded the United States and other world powers.

The envoy contended that such a step was contrary to the principle of collective security enshrined in the Rio Treaty.—United Press.

Communist May Be Bombay's Next Mayor

Bombay, Mar. 5.

The election of a diehard Communist as Bombay's next Mayor seemed virtually assured today as a protracted behind-the-scenes discussion continued between different factions of the United Maharashtra Committee in the City's Municipal Corporation.

Emergence on top of Communist leader, S.S. Mirajkar, came despite bitter opposition from the Socialists and the Congress Party.

The United Maharashtra committee is a mixture of diverse parties including Socialists, fellow travellers and reactionaries. Communists, all banded together on the issue of achieving the linguistic state of Maharashtra. The Committee controls the Corporation majority.—United Press.

Giant Rally

New York, Mar. 5. A monster rally in Madison Square Garden marked the beginning of a strike by the rich, powerful 130,000 member International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU) in seven eastern states today.

More than 30,000 strikers heard George Meany, President of the AFL-CIO, give the ILGWU President, David Dubinsky, the full backing of millions of members of organized labour.—France-Press.

Ceremonies

"Weakness invites aggression, and peace without strength is peace without ease of mind," he concluded.

The military advisers meeting started amidst colourful ceremonies in front of the foreign affairs ministry at 9.17 a.m. when a black Cadillac came in behind sirens and unloaded Lieut.-Gen. Sir Henry Wells, military adviser to the Australian delegation.

As the national flags were run up and the national anthem played by the Philippine Army band, other delegates followed in this order: Vice-Arm. d'Escadre P. Ordor of France, Maj.-Gen. C. E. Weir of New Zealand, Commodore P. Abdul Razid of Pakistan, Lieut.-Gen. Alfonso Arellano of the Philippines, Gen. Jira Vichitkongkarn of Thailand, Gen. Sir Francis Feilding of the United Kingdom and finally Admiral Felix B. Stump of the United States.—United Press.

Summit Talks

Washington, Mar. 5. Soviet Ambassador Mikhail A. Menshikov said today he does not expect "any disagreement on any part" about where a summit conference should be held.

Menshikov said such matters are still to be discussed at further talks with President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. No dates have been set for these talks.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"We thought while Tommy had the mumps he might want to lend us part of his allowance!"

Korean Communists Ready To Return KNA Passengers

By CHARLES R. SMITH

Panmunjom, Mar. 6.

Communist negotiators said today that they would hand over 26 passengers and crewmen of a hijacked South Korean airliner — bag and baggage — this afternoon.

The time was set for 2.30 p.m. (06.00 GMT).

The only condition the Red spokesman, Colonel Kim Joon Kyung, said, was that representatives of the United States, Germany and the Korean Red Cross sign a receipt for the delivery.

Colonel Kim made the repatriation offer to US Navy Captain George W. Kehl, Secretary of the United Nations Armistice Commission, at a meeting in this conference town a few miles south of the 38th parallel.

It was expected that the return would be made without difficulty, although there was a possibility that there could be objection to the wording of the Communist-written receipt.

Did Not State

The Reds did not state why only 26 of the 30 Koreans aboard the plane were being returned. The inference was that the remaining eight had elected to stay north of the truce line.

The Communist delegate told US Navy Captain George W. Kehl: "Those desiring to return home are two Americans, two Germans and 22 Koreans. During their stay on our side they have been accorded kind treatment and protection by the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. They are accordingly in very good health."

The Americans involved are Willis P. Hobbs, 36, of Vallejo, California, pilot of the hijacked KNA DC-3 and Air Force Lieut.-Col. Howard W. McClelland, Buchanan, Mich., a friend of Hobbs who was logging flight time by acting as co-pilot. The Germans are Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Hinrichs, who are employed by a Swiss firm in Seoul.

19 Days

The 34 occupants of the plane have been in Communist hands for 19 days. The plane was hijacked by Communist agents on a flight from Seoul to the North Korean capital of Pyongyang.

Among the Koreans aboard were Yoo Bong Soon, a National Assemblyman and a member of the Home Affairs Committee which handles investigation of Communism in the Republic of Korea, and Colonel Kim Ki Wan, Chief Information Officer of the ROK Air Force.

DIPLOMAT ATTACKED AT AIRPORT

Miami, Mar. 5. The Cuban Consul-General here was pounced on by four Cuban nationals at Miami International airport today and his briefcase seized in an apparently planned attack.

The Consul-General, Eduardo Hernandez, was en route to Havana at the time. Dade county officers arrested three Cuban nationals but a fourth escaped in a waiting automobile with the briefcase.

ANTI-BATISTA

It was believed the men were after Senor Hernandez' briefcase more than they were interested in attacking him. One report said Senor Hernandez had a briefcase full of records on anti-Batista Cubans and their work in Miami and was taking them back to the Batista Government.

Senor Hernandez continued on to Havana after the attack and said he would file charges against the three arrested men after his return. They were identified as Bernardo Panadilla, Felipe Landy and Francisco Chavez Armas. All three denied being members of any Cuban rebel group in Miami but admitted being rebel sympathisers.—United Press.

Petrol Explosion

Rangoon, Mar. 5. Two lives were lost and 25,000 people left homeless tonight in the wake of a fire which swept through the slum area of eastern Rangoon.

The fire started in a market area, and an illicit petrol dump exploded. The entire hutment area of 5,000 houses was reduced to ashes in three hours, despite the efforts of the fire fighters. Damage was estimated at US\$4,000,000.—France-Press.

Doctor Pressed For Answer In Murder Trial

A doctor testifying at a murder trial this morning was pressed by Defence Counsel for an answer as to why he could not say that he fully expected a wounded man he treated at Queen Mary Hospital to get well.

The witness, Dr. Benjamin Ho, explained that his previous experience with chest wounds told him that sudden bleeding may start in such cases even though the patient appeared to be healing.

The accused, Chan Ming, 38, unemployed, is on trial before Mr Justice J.R. Gregg and a Jury of five men and two women at the Criminal Sessions.

Quarrel

Chan is alleged to have totally stabbed his friend of 20 years' standing, Hui Hing - wing, with a knife on December 17 last year, following a quarrel in a factory yard at Smithfield, Kennedy Town. Hui died five days later.

Chan is defended by Mr Richard Winter, instructed by Williamson and Grier. Mr Simon L. Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Divisional Det.-Inspector J. W. Currie.

Dr Ho gave evidence that Hui was admitted to a ward at Queen Mary Hospital and under his care on December 18. He found Hui in a state of shock. There were three wounds on Hui.

The first wound was on the right side of the chest, near the breastbone, half an inch long. The second wound was in the middle part of the right upper arm of the same length. The third was in the right palm, near the little finger, measuring three-quarters of an inch long.

Dr Ho said the patient was given a blood transfusion, and his condition improved. It continued to improve during December 19, 20, 21 and 22. On the 23rd, he suddenly died.

Immediately on admission, Hui had been X-rayed on the chest. Shortly before his death on the morning of the 23rd, he was X-rayed once more.

In his opinion, witness said, the wounds were consistent with having been caused by a sharp instrument.

Cross-examining, Mr Winter asked the doctor why he had omitted to tell the Magistrate in his preliminary proceedings that an X-ray examination was performed on Hui immediately after his admission to hospital, and whether he did not think it important enough.

Important

Dr Ho agreed that that was important, but said an X-ray examination was a matter of routine in cases of injuries to the chest. Likewise, anyone suffering from shock from loss of blood would ordinarily receive a blood transfusion as a routine.

Mr Winter asked witness how it came about that he had told the Magistrate about the routine treatment of blood transfusion, but not about the routine treatment of the X-ray examination. Dr Ho said he had not intended to hide anything from the Magistrate.

Counsel told witness that the impression he had given before

the Magistrate was that the patient was not X-rayed at all until December 23.

The doctor said Hui was X-rayed on admission and was subsequently treated for shock. He recovered partly from this condition on the evening of December 18. By the 20th, this condition had passed, and the hospital stopped taking records of his blood pressure.

Healing

On December 20, Dr Ho went on, the wounds showed signs of healing under treatment. They continued to show those signs until the day Hui died, but they were not completely healed.

The chest wound was beginning to heal on the surface by that time, he said. Asked if the patient was expected to heal because he was improving normally, Dr Ho said he did not fully expect him to get well. Chest wound cases had to be kept under observation, because it was always possible that there might be a change for the worse in the patient's condition.

Mr Winter asked the witness to confine his remarks only to the present case, and asked if there was any reason why he did not fully expect the deceased to get well.

Too Short

Dr Ho said a period of five days was too short to give a definite forecast as to what would happen to a patient with a chest wound of that nature.

He had had considerable experience in treating such wounds, he added, and it was always possible that sudden bleeding may start.

Hearing is proceeding.

Lady Black Visits Red Cross Party

Lady Black, President of the British Red Cross Society, Hongkong Branch, visited the Red Cross working party at the NAAFI Club, Sek Kong, this morning.

She was accompanied by Mrs. M. W. Turner. This was her sixth in a series of visits to Red Cross working parties.

Lady Black was met on arrival by Brigadier D. D. M. McCready, 48 Gurkha Infantry Brigade, and Mrs McCready; Mrs D. E. Smith and Mrs A. F. Mathers; and Mrs R. Kenney and Mrs Sutherland, representatives of the village welfare committee.

The working party of 10 ladies are engaged in rolling bandages and making field dressings.

Contractors' Convention

Mr E. C. van Heekken, Managing Director of Messrs. Blau and Co. Ltd., is returning from Manila tomorrow with two members of his staff, Messrs. Jimmy Chang and Kwong Ming. They have visited the First Convention of the Federation of Asian and Western Pacific Contractors' Associations.

They have seen and experienced a parade and demonstrations given by the Far East representative of the International Harvester Export Company in Manila.

These demonstrations included Crawler Tractors with a variety of attachments, such as, Bulldozers, Graders, Scarifiers, Ditch Shovelers, Payloaders, Road Rollers, Dump Trucks, Farm Tractors, etc.

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GERMAN ACTOR ARRIVES

The German actor, Mr. Curt Jurgens, arrived in Tokyo by Japan Air Lines early today for a three-day sightseeing visit on his way to London to star in the film, "The Inn of the Sixth Happiness," opposite Ingrid Bergman.

The film was originally to be shot in Hongkong, but while in Tokyo Mr. Jurgens was advised that it was now to be made in England.

The German actor's first film for Hollywood, "The Inn of the Sixth Happiness," is currently showing at two theatres here.

Two Months For 2 Wheels

A 22-year-old driver, Lau Ting-fong, facing two charges of stealing wheels from motor cars was this morning sent to prison for two months when he pleaded guilty before Mr. A. L. Leathlean at Central Magistracy.

The defendant, told the Magistrate that he wanted the wheels for his own car, as two of his wheels were worn out.

Insp. N. Reynolds told the Magistrate that in the early hours of March 4 two constables who were on beat duty along Queen's Road West, stopped a car which was proceeding against a one-way traffic sign. This was at 3.10 a.m. The constables noted that the driver of the car, the defendant, had two wheels in his possession, which they suspected he had obtained unlawfully.

ADMITTED

When questioned, the defendant admitted that he had taken one wheel from the boot of a parked car in Morrison Hill Road at 12.30 a.m. The other, he told the Police, he had taken from a private car in Victoria Road at 2.30 a.m. The defendant then took the constables to the two spots he had told them about, and the owners of the cars were located. They identified the wheels as their property.

SUSPECTS DETAINED

A man has been detained and is being questioned by the Police in connection with the robbery in which a man and a woman were waylaid near the top of Lion Rock Hill in Kowloon on Tuesday afternoon.

They were held up by two men, one of them armed with a dagger, and robbed of property and cash valued \$64.

Another Chinese has been arrested following an attempt to steal a handbag from a woman on the staircase of No. 25, Mody Road, Kowloon, early yesterday morning.

Four other men, all Chinese, were arrested yesterday following various cases of larceny from the person.

SAILOR AIDED STOWAWAYS

A former ship's quartermaster was this morning bound over in the sum of \$500 for two years under an Application for a Magistrate's Order, when Mr. Hin-shing Lo, was told that he aided seven stowaways who attempted to enter Singapore from Hongkong.

Yuen Foo-choi, 39, former quartermaster of the mv Dorinathia, supplied seven stowaways with food, from the time he found them, one day after sailing, until they had reached Singapore. The stowaways were discovered by the Singapore authorities in a routine search when the vessel arrived from Hongkong. The ship sailed from Hongkong on November 10, last year.

The stowaways also appeared in court this morning and were remanded until this afternoon.